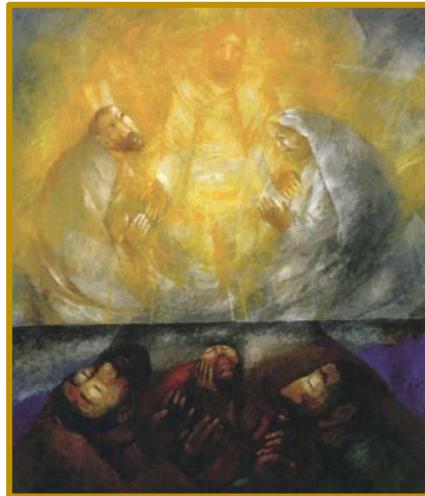




Clothing Body
and Soul

The Clothing Church

First Presbyterian Church, Plano, TX
SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORDS DAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2024
6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

*This * means please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE & PROCESSION "Holy, Holy, Holy/Holy Ground" J. B. Dykes/G. Davis/C. Berry

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" H. H. Lemmel/Joyce Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP **Please stand**

Leader: God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.

Leader: God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

People: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer, and the judge.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*OPENING HYMN #190

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, O Lord. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Loving God, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now. Amen.

(moment of silent confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor Tracy: Relentlessly God seeks us out with abundant grace and boundless mercy.

People: This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Please Stand

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: May the Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

***PEACE RESPONSE HYMN #172 (no repeats) "Blest Are They"**

*"Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!"*

Please be seated.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING (Old Testament)

2 Kings 5:1-14

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Here I Am, Lord"

Sanctuary Choir

Arranged by Dan L. Schutte

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING (Gospel)

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

"Rub Some Dirt On It, You're Fine"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please rise

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (the Apostles' Creed)**

ALL: : I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Tracy: Creator God, you are beyond our knowledge and understanding. We are full of wonder at your presence, and your revelation in your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Your love for us is awe inspiring. We put our faith in this love as we come to you today to express our communal prayers for the world, knowing that you hear us and that the mystery of your love and power and presence may extend to those people and places for which we pray.

People: **Lord of All, hear our prayer.**

Pastor Tracy: God of all peoples, we pray for the world. Please be at work in places that are full of violence and suffering. We pray for the people of Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, Iran, and Ecuador. Please show us the path to peace. Put the right people in the right places to make decisions not for themselves but others.

People: **God of power and might, hear our prayer.**

Pastor Tracy: We also pray for our own country, God. As we enter a presidential election year that will be full of hateful rhetoric and division, please empower us, your people, to be bearers of love. Help us balance your desire for justice and equality with your call to care for our neighbors. May our churches be spaces of welcome where we can have faithful conversations that develop and deepen all of our understanding. Please be with our political leaders. Grant them the gifts they need to address the needs of our community.

People: **King of kings and Lord of lords, hear our prayer.**

Pastor Tracy: Almighty One, your Word tells us time and again how you care for the poor, the abused and the cast out. We pray for those people now. We pray for those who are homeless. We pray for those who are poor and struggling to make ends meet. We pray for new immigrants to this country seeking asylum. We pray for the lonely. We pray for the sick. We pray for grieving. We pray for the cold and the hungry. If we are to play a role in providing these needs, loving God, spark our hearts toward action.

People: **God of unlimited compassion and love, hear our prayer.**

Pastor Tracy: Lastly, God, we lift up our specific community. We pray for all those on the Prayer Concern list in our Sunday Bulletin. We know that you see us and hear us, and so it is in the name of Jesus Christ that we pray together:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN #825**

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

***CHARGE**

***BLESSING**

***SEVEN-FOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE**

"The Light of the World Is Jesus"

P. B. Bliss/M. Hayes

Participants in worship:

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Liturgist/Cantor – Kurt Thomas

Pianist/Organist – Marcy Lasseter

Greeter – Belle Waggoner

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