# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY
# MARCH 2, 2025
# 11:00 AM



As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH** Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

**PRELUDE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. F. Voltz
(Frank Voltz, harp)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Olivia Bressan

God of the mountaintop,
you call us to journey with you.
**Shine upon us; grant us sacred illumination;**
**dazzle us with your beauty and glory.**
In the midst of our weary souls
and exhausted bodies,
**transfigure our imaginations**
**and reveal to us what is possible.**
In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,
**transfigure our imaginations**
**and reveal to us what is possible.**
In the midst of crushing disasters,
natural and human-made,
**transfigure our imaginations**
**and reveal to us what is possible.**
Move us from scarcity and cynicism
and transfigure our lowly vision
to reveal the abundant life of your realm.
**Help us to keep watch**
**so that we might leave the mountaintop**
**inspired to do your work of transformation**
**in the valley below.**

***HYMN 12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love. *(continued next page)*

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of compassion,**
**in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,**
**but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.**
**We confess that we speak when we should listen**
**and act when we should wait.**
**Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.**
**Grant us wisdom to live in your light**
**And to follow in the way of your beloved Son,**
**Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*(a moment for silent reflection)*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
**Thanks be to God.**

***SONG OF JOY 804** (v.1) *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Song of Solomon 8:6

**ANTHEM** *Set Me as a Seal* Michael John Trotta
(The Chancel Choir)

Set me as a seal upon your heart.
Set me as a seal upon your arm.
For love is as strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

page 944 **SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 9:28-45

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Are You Ready for a Miracle?* Rev. Boggess

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION** Jason Chen
Victoria Turner-Guenther

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** *Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us* arr. F. Voltz
(Frank Voltz, harp)

***DOXOLOGY 607** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Olivia Bressan

**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.**
**Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ**
**is God's undeserved gift to each of us.**
**It is also God's demand upon every one of us,**
**never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.**
**Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,**
**we strive to become more faithful and effective**
**in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 744** *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* FESTAL SONG

1 Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

**POSTLUDE** *Carillon* Louis Vierne

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

**Frank Voltz** is a concert artist on piano, harp, and organ, and an accomplished composer and arranger. He began playing the organ in church at age 11. Later he was graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance. As an adult, he performed on the *Hour of Power* at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, CA, and has served as organist for the National Christian Choir in Washington, DC, recording four CDs with that ensemble. Frank began playing the harp as an adult, and after playing for only five years he won second prize in the Lyon & Healy International Jazz and Pop Harp Competition. For the past 25 years he has been a solo performer with symphony orchestras and a guest clinician at harp festivals and conferences throughout the United States and Canada.

Frank has recorded five harp CDs and two piano CDs. Through his publishing company, Chiera Music, he has published more than 100 hymn arrangements and original compositions for lever and pedal harp. His works have been recorded by harpists around the world.

A resident of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Frank, winters in Sarasota and has attended First Presbyterian Church for several months.



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