TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
FEBRUARY 11, 2024
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND INVITATION Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* Welsh tune/arr. Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP Lisa Saba

adapted from Psalm 121 (*Common English Bible*)

Where will my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
The LORD is our protector;
the LORD is our shade right beside us.
The LORD will protect us from all evil;
God will protect our very lives.
The LORD will protect us on our journeys—
whether going or coming—
from now until forever from now.

***HYMN 193** *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain* UNSER HERRSCHER

Jesus, take us to the mountain,
where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory,
light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night
by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there,
that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there
fills us with the selfsame awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go,
matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there,
that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven
says of the Incarnate Word,
"Listen, listen, everyone:
this is my beloved Son."

Take us to that other mountain
where we see you glorified,
where you shouted "It is finished!"
where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion:
"Truly this was God's own Son!" *(continued next page)*

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

We who have beheld your glory,
risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story,
all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John:
"You are God's beloved Son!"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of compassion,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we often turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that sometimes 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**

***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.

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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Sanctus* Andre Thomas
(The Chancel Choir with Matt Jarvis, soloist)

Text adapted from Isaiah 6 and traditional liturgy

Above him stood the seraphim.
And one cried to another, “Holy, holy, holy (is the)
the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.”

In the year that King Uzziah died I also saw the Lord.
He was sitting on the throne, high and lifted up,
and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphim, each one had six wings.
With two he covered his face and with two he covered his feet,
and with two he did fly.

And one cried to another, "Holy, holy, holy (is the)
the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts;
heaven and earth are full of thy glory!"

Hosanna in the highest!
Hosannah to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Like the seraphim I want two wings to cover my face.
Oh Lord, I want two wings to fly away
so the world can't do me no harm.

We're crying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts;
heaven and earth are full of thy glory!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:27-9:8

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Losing Team* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Lisa Saba

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *This Little Light of Mine* Traditional/arr. Phillips

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Lisa Saba

from *The Study Catechism* (1989)

Question 45. Why did Jesus have to suffer as he did?

Because grace is more abundant —
and sin more serious — than we suppose.
However cruelly we may treat one another,
all sin is primarily against God.
God condemns sin,
yet never judges apart from grace.
In giving Jesus Christ to die for us,
God took the burden of our sin into God's own self
to remove it once and for all.
The cross in all its severity reveals an abyss of sin
swallowed up by the suffering of divine love.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 156** *Sing of God Made Manifest* SALZBURG

1 Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and king foretold.

2 Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign—
dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my beloved Son."

3 Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.

4 Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the law and prophets waned
so that Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Steven Phillips

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

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