

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 14, 2021

Prelude

Call to Worship

As God spoke, calling light out of darkness,
God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.
The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.
Out of the cloud, God speaks;
this is my beloved Son; listen to him.
Let us worship God!

Hymn 189 – See page 5.

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair” DEO GRACIAS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you—
to hide our faces, to hide our sin—
yet you have never hidden your love for us.

We have tried to search for you—
in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—
yet you have already revealed yourself
to us in the face of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, and transfigure us so that our lives
may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our God comes and does not keep silent;
God speaks to us with grace and love, saying:
You are my beloved child.

This is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

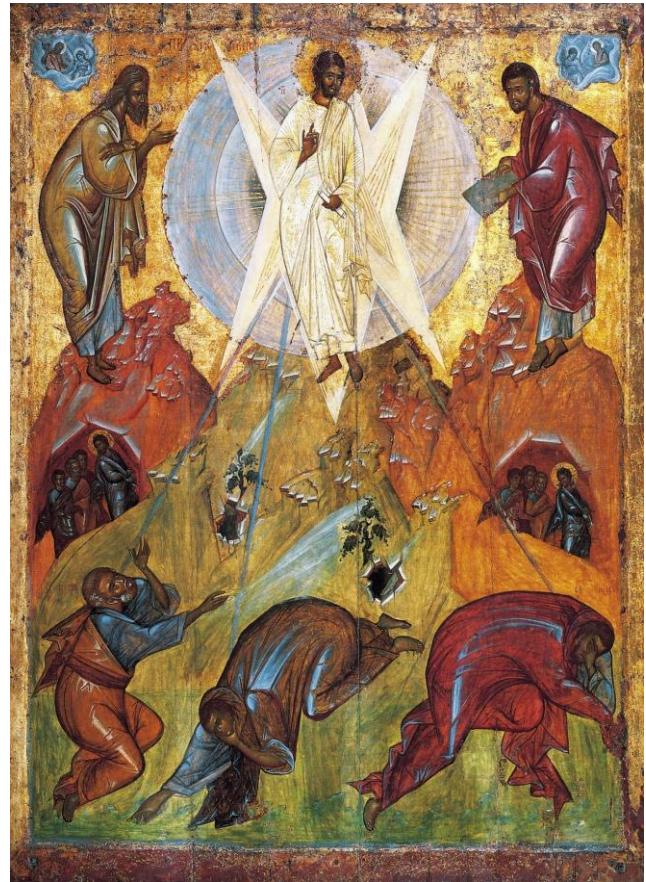
Thanks be to God!

Life in Community

The peace and joy of the Lord be with you and yours today.
Thank you for joining us for worship.
Other announcements....

Moment for Scouting

Milan Unkle, Senior Patrol Leader, Boy Scout Troop 306



Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

God of shining splendor,
 your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.
 Overshadow us with your Spirit
 so that we may hear your Word
 and live as faithful disciples and covenant people;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: *Fear and Awe*

Offering

God is the giver of life and the source of all that is good.
 Let us now dedicate our lives and resources to the Holy One
 in whom we live and move and have our being.

You may give online through our website, catonsvillepres.org.

If you're not a member or friend of the CPC community,
 please consider giving to a faith community where you live,
 a neighborhood church that could use your support at this time.

In a time of silence now, let us remember
 and give thanks for God's gifts to us this week:
 time, talent, money, family, relationships, friends, life itself.
 Then ask yourself: where is the Spirit leading me this week
 to share my gifts through the work of the church
 and the love of neighbor?

Prayer of Dedication

We give you thanks, O God,
 for the gifts we have received from your good creation.
 We now ask your blessing upon the gifts we offer here today,
 so that they might be a sign of our commitment
 to serve you in all that we are and do. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Mighty and merciful one, you have come to us in glory;
 now we come to you in prayer, saying,
 Lord, by your Spirit, grant what we ask.
 O Lord our God,
 Christ has been transfigured before us on a mountaintop.

You have revealed your way to us in Christ.
 The way of the cross and resurrection calls us to be
 agitators of nonviolence in our world
 in all that we do and say.
 Indeed, in the power of Christ you have enabled us
 to be your peace in our world.
 In Jesus' crucifixion, the violence of our world
 has been revealed as contrary to your way of peace.

Transfigure us by your Spirit and shape us
 by your love and justice to be disciples of Christ
 in our weary and broken world.
 In your Spirit, O God,
 form us in the liberating power displayed in Moses,
 in the prophetic witness of Elijah
 and in the body of Christ who was raised from the dead
 to bring newness of life in the church and world.

Let our lives shine like the transfigured Christ
 so that we might be a blessing to those that struggle,
 a hope to the dying and a sign of your new creation.

And as we continue to struggle with this pandemic
 and the social ills it has exposed,
 we pray that you would bestow courage
 to healthcare workers and those facilitating vaccinations.

We ask a special measure of wisdom
 for the leadership of our country and world that they might
 discern the path to bring aid to the afflicted.

And may we be agents of your love
 for those within our churches and in our communities.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ,
 who taught us to pray saying, *Our Father...*

Hymn 190 – See page 6. “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

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Blessing & Charge

Now go and tell, live and share the good news:
 The Lord of life and light is with us;
 Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
 May the face of the Risen Christ shine upon you—
 God's beloved.
 May you discover in the light of Christ what you are
 and who you are and who you are becoming—
 God's beloved.

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Moment for Scouting Speaker

Milan Unkle, 17, is serving as the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 306. He has been a member of the Troop for five years. Milan is a senior at Catonsville High School. He loves camping, hiking, outdoor activities, and video games. He plays a variety of musical instruments, including violin, guitar, and piano. He has applied for Americorps so he can take part in service-oriented work while gaining some “real world” experiences before attending college. Milan’s parents, Hope Riley & Phil Unkle, have been actively involved in our Cub Pack & Scout Troop for many years & are both serving in leadership roles.

Participants

- Dorothy Boulton, *associate pastor*
- Kathy and Keith Glennan, *video production*
- Susan Hutton, *sanctuary set-up coordinator*
- Jason Kissel, *interim organist*
- Greg Knauf, *vocalist*
- Kenneth E. Kovacs, *pastor*
- Vickie Lord, *teleprompter*

Image

- “Transfiguration” by Theophanes the Greek (1340-1410)

Sources

- Dr. Roger Gench, interim editor, *The Presbyterian Outlook*.
- *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018).
- *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).
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O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)
 Cm B[♭] Cm E[♭] F Gm

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)
 Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm

of glo - ry that the church shall share,
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)
 B[♭] Fm Gm B[♭] Cm

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a bove
 for which in joy ful strains we raise

(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)
 Gm Fm A[♭] B[♭] Cm

where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a loud.
 who joy in God with per - fect love.
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

190 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Capo 3: (Dm)

Fm

(Gm)

B♭m

(A7)

C7

(Dm)

Fm



1 Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's voice, the
 2 Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall gain and
 3 Lord, trans-fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the pur - est

(Gm)

B♭m

(A7)

C7

(Dm)

Fm

(Gm)

B♭m

(A7)

C7



daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish;
 keep its truth, not by build - ing on the moun - tain
 light that shines, and re - cast our life's in - ten - tions

(Dm)

Fm

(A7)

C7

(Dm)

Fm

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm



Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter, James, and
 an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by fol - low -
 to the shape of your de - signs, till we seek no

(Em)

Gm

(A7)

C7

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

(Em)

Gm

(A7)

C7

(D)

F



John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise down - ward
 ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the cross and by
 oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's hill and our

(Bm)

Dm

(Em)

Gm

(A7)

C7

(D)

F

(Bm)

Dm

(D)

(A7)

(D)



toward the shad - owed val - ley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.
 test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
 liv - ing and our dy - ing and our ris - ing by your will.

The first two stanzas of this 20th-century Transfiguration hymn guide singers through a contemplation of the disciples' experience of that event. The final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for enlightenment and for a renewed sense of commitment to doing God's will.

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