

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Transfiguration Sunday Digital Traditional Service

February 14, 2021



The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Meditation

James Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

#75

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS

1 O wondrous sight, O vision fair
Of glory that the church shall share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun He glows!

2 From age to age the tale declare,
How with the three disciples there,
Where Moses and Elijah meet,
The Lord holds converse high and sweet.

3 The law and prophets there have place,
Two chosen witnesses of grace;
The Father's voice from out the cloud
Proclaims His only Son aloud.

4 With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who joy in God with perfect love.

5 And faithful hearts are raised on high
By this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God,

In Jesus Christ your grace and power shines like the sun, overwhelming us with your glory, even while providing the warmth and light we need for life as you intend for us. Yet even as we receive that boundless beauty and energy, we are reluctant to share it with others. Like Peter when he witnessed Jesus' transfiguration, our desire is often to linger in places of retreat with you for its own sake. Help us to use such time not as an escape from the challenges of the world, but an opportunity for rest and renewal, so that we may follow Christ into the world once more in ministries of love and service.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

SPECIAL MUSIC

We're a Fellowship of Believers

P. Lutkin/arr. Jay Althouse

Rebecca Erhardt, soprano

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:2-9

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Rev. J.C. Austin

*****Spoiler Alert!*****

WE RESPOND

HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

1 I want to walk as a child of the light

I want to follow Jesus

God sent the stars to give light to the world

The star of my life is Jesus

Refrain

In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

2 I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father
(Refrain)

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus
(Refrain)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory "Pie Jesu", from *Requiem*, Op. 48

Gabriel Faure

Rebecca Ripley, Soprano

*Response - #592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

*Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN

#303

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

1 Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,

Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none;
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
With the shadow of Thy wing.

3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in Thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4 Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
Rise to all eternity.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude on "Deo Gracias"

arr. David N. Johnson