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Celebrating our history, we look toward our future.



The Order of Worship **Transfiguration of the Lord** **February 11, 2018**

WELCOME. *We are delighted to have you with us this morning!
Following worship, please join us for fellowship and refreshments.*

Large Print Hymnals and Children's Activity Bags
are available from the Usher.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: The light of God is shining with love.

All: Rise in our hearts, O Bright Morning Star.

One: God calls to us saying, "Be not afraid."

All: Give peace in our lives, O Promised One.

One: Come to the mountain and gaze at the glory.

All: Shine in our lives, O Light of the World!

One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #12 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

*Prayer of Confession:

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this:
That while we were sinners, Christ died for us.
Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us.
Therefore, with the confidence of little children,
let us approach the throne of grace
to receive God's mercy. Let us pray:

**All: God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal to us
the light of your glory.**

Yet we turn away, distracted by our own plans.

**We confess that we speak when we should listen,
and we act when we should wait.**

Forgive our misguided enthusiasm. (continued...)

**Grant us clear vision to see your light
and wisdom to follow the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

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Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence.... Amen.

***The Assurance of Pardon**

One: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through
the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

**All: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace
with boldness, so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.**

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

***Celebration of Our Pardon**

Hymn #847 "Our Hope, Our Life" verse 1

*Our hope, our life, are in the Lord;
The God we honor and confess.
Why crave renown or opulence?
They fade, those things we now possess.*

***The Peace**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

All: Let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you
with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Matthew 17:1-13 and II Corinthians 4:1-6

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Must We See So We Can Believe?"
The Rev. Dr. Steve Robertson

***Hymn #193** "*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*"

***Affirmation of Faith** - *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

(continued...)

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who, with the Father and the Son, is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

***Offertory Response**

Hymn #847 “Our Hope, Our Life” verse 1

*Beyond this age, of shame and sham,
We glimpse a better destiny;
The Lord will lift us free from death,
To dwell in praise eternally.*

***Offertory Prayer**

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (Traditional)

**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.**

***Hymn #192** *“Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining”*

***Charge and Blessing**

***Response**

Hymn #137 *“He Came Down”*

*He came down that we may have light.
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He came down that we may have light.
Hallelujah, forevermore.*

Postlude

Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain: Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found on the table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Pass the card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace.