



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Transfiguration of the Lord
March 3, 2019

† Those who are able, please stand

Westminster Peal

Prelude

"Heures Mystiques, IV" - Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Susan Haynes

Introit

"The Lord Reigneth"

Matthias Young

† Gathering as the Children of God

Rev. Haynes

One: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

All: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

One: But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

All: We are not sure we are ready for that.

One: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

All: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us.

† Hymn

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

HYFRYDOL

***We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.***

***Light breaks in upon our darkness,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.***

***Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.***

*But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.*

† **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*) Elizabeth Small

*Lord: We confess we want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus,
and set up a festival where everyone can come and play and have a good time.
We want our faith to be one of entertainment.
But you have called us to "Listen to Him!"
You have asked us to be ready for the journey.
We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar.
There is much to be done.
Forgive us, Lord, when we are stubborn and willful.
Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are.
You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley
where this is struggle and strife; where healing is needed.
Prepare us, Lord, for the journey.
Help us to listen to you. Heal us, Lord, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

† **Assurance of Pardon** Elizabeth Small

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!
All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

† **Response** (*refrain*) "Gloria Patri" (hymn no. 579)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

† **Passing of the Peace** Elizabeth Small

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: *And also with you.*

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Haynes

Anthem/Special Music "Sing Praise to the Mighty God" - J.S. Bach (1686-1750)

Gospel Lesson (*p. 65 NT*) Luke 9:28-36 Rev. Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "Moonshot Thinking" Rev. Haynes

† **Hymn No. 514** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Rev. Haynes

Celebration of The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right... their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy...the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit... Jesus taught us saying ...***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

Distribution of the Elements

Offering

Offertory

"Love Lifted Me" - Arr. by Howard Smith

Elizabeth Small

† Response

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Elizabeth Small

† Closing Hymn No. 420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

† Benediction

Rev. Haynes

† Choral Response

"Amen"

Matthias Young

† Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress" - Arr. by Dan Miller

The pastor will invite you forward to receive communion. Please follow the row in front of you down the middle

aisles. The pastor will be serving gluten free bread. After you have received communion, place your cup in the basket and return to your seat by the outer aisles. If you prefer to be served at your seat, please raise your hand. *When receiving communion, you may respond with "Thanks be to God," "Amen," or in

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- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
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