

February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A quote for personal reflection time during the Prelude
Transformation isn't a future event, it's a present-day activity. – Jillian Michaels

PRELUDE

Mr. Kevin Crone

CANDLELIGHTING

Acolyte

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: As we live and as God lives,

All people: *God will not leave us.*

Pastor: When fire devours and storms blow us astray,

All people: *God will not leave us.*

Pastor: When truth is veiled and confusion reigns,

All people: *God will not leave us.*

Pastor: When the world changes around us,

All people: *God will not leave us.*

Pastor: When we long to speak but find no words,

All people: *God will not leave us.*

Pastor: When all around us is silent,

All people: *God will not leave us.*

Pastor: When faithfulness feels beyond us,

All people: *God will not leave us.*

Pastor: As we live and as God lives,

All people: *we worship the One who will not leave us.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All people: *Holy One, when the world is full of confusion and your message is hard to perceive, still, we can see you. Still, your presence shines—a light to illuminate the shadows. When we cannot find a way to tell your story, let your being shine in us and through us, that we may reflect your glory, and your grace. Amen.*

HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* **Blue Chalice Hymnal, #105*

(Verses 1 and 2, only)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and

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experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. “It’s good for us to be here. Let’s get comfortable,” he said. We too may be tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountains of life, to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation exists in our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: *God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Based on 2 Kings 2, Psalm 50, Mark 9 and 2 Cor. 4)

Pastor: When we have lost our way – still, God is with us; still, God will not leave us.

All people: *Thanks be to God who never leaves nor deserts us! Amen.*

PRaise HYMN *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Blue Chalice Hymnal, #105

(Verse 3, only)

Christ, when you look on us, in love,

at once there falls from God above - a ray of purest pleasure.

Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood - refresh our souls with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure! Let your mercy warm and cheer us!

Oh, draw near us! For you teach us God’s own love through you has reached us.

(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)

JESUS SAID, “LET THE CHILDREN COME”

HEBREW READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

HYMN

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory Blue Chalice Hymnal, #705

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON

Rev. Laura Baker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

All people: *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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: As God has given us such a great share of blessings, let us share our gifts with God’s people.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

OFFERING RESPONSE *Accept, O God, the Gifts* Blue Chalice Hymnal, #379

(Tune: Ellacombe)

Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay.

Transform them into blessings on those we serve today.

Rekindle deep within us all passion to fulfill

The ministry disciples have, empowered to do your will.

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: *Gracious God, you have given us a double share of your Spirit ... and even more ...more than we could ask for or ever repay. You have blessed us with your love and filled our lives with your grace. Take now this offering of our hearts and our lives, that they may be instruments of your love and your mercy, your justice and your grace. Amen*

HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Bulletin Insert

BENEDICTION

Pastor: People of God, God has shined new life into you.

You have seen it.

You have experienced it.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit –

Go now to live in the light.

All people: *We now go to let Christ’s love shine in our lives.*

Amen.

POSTLUDE