

Transfiguration Sunday

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PRELUDE

Love One Another (Bagnall)

Dr. Troy Winemiller

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER, PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Pastor: God of great mystery, we who have come to follow Jesus, hear his voice calling us to the mountaintop, to be apart from the noise of the world for a little while. Help us to listen, to follow, and to open ourselves to new visions. Open our hearts that we might put our full trust in your plans for our lives, the church, our communities, and the world. Open our eyes to the divine glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, the Son, and to the divine spark shining in one another. Open our eyes to see others as you see them, as ones created in your divine image. Knowing that we fall short in these and other ways, we pause to confess our sin together, using the words printed in our bulletins:

All: *God of mountains and valleys, of snow showers and clear blue skies, we confess to you and one another the many ways we fail to live the lives you want for us. We make ourselves busy with many things, and neglect to listen to your voice, choosing instead the voices of this world that shout the loudest, that drown out those of the most weak and vulnerable. All too often, we see the worst in the world around us, and look past your abundant signs of hope. We are quick to voice our dissent with one another, and face in the persons with whom we disagree. We focus on our hurts, anger, and disappointments, and close our hearts to your transforming grace. Holy Light of the World, forgive us. Open our eyes to your endless possibilities. Give us courage to listen for your call and to obey. Take our hearts of stone and make them tender and merciful again with your holy love. We pray through Christ who taught us to pray, saying:*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: *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.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Fellow travelers, Jesus says: Do not be afraid. Your sins are forgiven. Won't you permit Christ's mercy to transfigure your life? No longer be ruled by doubt, worry and fear but rather by His light and love. Walk as children of God who radiate God's divine light within them!

All: *May it be so. Amen!*

¹ Based up and adapted from a Confession written by Rev. Nancy J on her blog, "Wondering Through the Life an Other Such Nonsense," and a Call to Worship for Transfiguration Sunday, Year A in "Life in Liturgy" website.

FIRST READING – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (NIV)

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

NEW TESTAMENT READING - Mark 9:2-10 (NRSV)

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Laura Bair

HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

Bulletin, Last Page

BENEDICTION²

Pastor: Enlightened ones, come down from the mountaintop with holy visions seared in your hearts and minds. Follow in the footsteps of Christ and live in the Spirit's ways. Believe that the world can still be as God created and declared it to be: GOOD! And live in a manner that will make it so!

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

The Love of our Father (Green)

Dr. Troy Winemiller

² Written by Rev. Laura Bair of Starview UCC for Transfiguration Sunday, inspired by Genesis 1, Mark 9:2-9 and Matthew 17:1-9

This little light of mine

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1. This lit-tle light of mine. I'm gon-na let it shine.
 2. Hide it un-der a bushel (NO!) I'm gon-na let it shine.
 3. Don't let a-ny-one "whfff"(blow) it out. I'm gon-na let it shine.
 4. Let it shine in my hometown. I'm gon-na let it shine.
 5. See the light spread-ing round the world. See all the fa-ces shine.

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