

Transfiguration Sunday



Preparation for Worship

For that one moment, ‘in and out of time’,
On that one mountain where all moments meet,
The daily veil that covers the sublime
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.
There were no angels full of eyes and wings
Just living glory full of truth and grace.
The Love that dances at the heart of things
Shone out upon us from a human face
And to that light the light in us leaped up,
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

— Malcolm Guite

Prelude

Sean Cator

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship register

We Gather in God’s Name

† Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

† Praise Song #701

Lord Prepare Me (Repeat 4 times)

Call to Worship

Leader: Do you see it?

In fire and cloud our God appears:

People: The glory of the Lord settles over us.

Leader: Do you hear it?

A voice thunders from heaven:

People: “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.”

Leader: Open your eyes; unstop your ears.

We are gathered on holy ground.

People: Let us magnify the Lord!

† Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

† Prayer of Confession

God of grace and God of Glory, we confess to you and to 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. All too often we see the worst in the world around us, and look past your signs of hope. We are quick to voice our dissent with one another, and refuse to see your face in the persons with whom we disagree. We focus on our own hurts, anger, and disappointments, and close our hearts to your transforming grace.

O Holy Light of the world, forgive us. Open our eyes to your endless possibilities. Give us courage to listen for your call to us. Take our hearts of stone, and make them new again with your gracious love. Amen.

† Assurance of Forgiveness

One Voice: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting unto everlasting.
As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed
our transgression from us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we
are all forgiven.

Many Voices: Thanks be to God!

† Response #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

We Proclaim God's Word

Anthem

Walkin' to Jordan
Chancel Choir

Althouse

Children's Message

Cindi Bryant

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:13-16; 21-25

† Hymn #190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 17:1-8

Sermon

Get Up and Do Not Be Afraid

Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Joyful Ringers

Butler

† Response #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

† Prayer of Dedication

Ed Bryant

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Depart To Serve God

† Parting Hymn #543

God, Be the Love To Search and Keep Me

† Benediction

Postlude

Sean Cator

The flowers are dedicated by The Stan Dreyer Fan Club.



Your greeter today was Mary Francis Koerner.

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IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY - We are very glad you chose to worship with us! Please sign our friendship register so that we can greet you by name and call on you if you desire. If you need help, please call on an usher for assistance.

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED IN WORSHIP - Please ask an usher for a Worship Bag. For infants through 3-year-olds, our Nursery is downstairs in Room 5.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Children through 3rd grade have their own worship time following the Children's Message in the sanctuary. Please pick children up following worship—K-3rd graders will be in Room 14, and younger children in Room 5.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/YOUTH - Classes for 5-year-olds through adults are offered at 9:15 a.m. from the second Sunday in September to the third Sunday in May. Please check the Youth bulletin boards in the main-level hallway to see the Youth schedule.