

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2024

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Wendy Stevens

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

All: Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.

Liturgist: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

All: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.
Psalm 50:1-6

* **All Singing: 538 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"**

* GOD'S GREETING

Minister: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first born of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth.
Revelation 1:4-5

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 593 "Lord Most High"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Moses and Aaron were among your priests, Samuel was among those who called on your name.

All: They called on you and you answered. You spoke to them from the pillar of cloud.

Liturgist: O Lord our God, you answered them, you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished their misdeeds.

All: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.
Psalm 99:6-9 adapted

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: Even as we gather in your name, acknowledge your holiness, and proclaim your mercy, we long for you. Hear us as we pray:

All: God of love, in the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone, we have sinned in weakness, in ignorance, and through our own deliberate fault. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Liturgist: If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more the glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

All: If what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

Liturgist: For whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

People: And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.
11 Corinthians 3:9-18 adapted

GEMS: "My Lighthouse" Rend Collective

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures, You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Liturgist: II Corinthians 4:1-6

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* **All Singing: 908 "Christ Be Our Light"**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 5

Scripture: Mark 9:2-9

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A Red Letter Lent

* **All Singing: 532 "Be Still, for the Presence"**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. GEMS Girls' Club

OFFERTORY "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

arr. Fred Bock

* **All Singing: 956 "To God Be the Glory"**

Sending

* BENEDICTION


* **All Singing: 946 "Go, My Children, With My Blessing"**

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	GEMS
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgists:	GEMS
Prelude:	Lydia Carlson	Prayer:	GEMS
Vocalists:	GEMS		
Violin / Vocalist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker		
Drums:	Margot VanderWeele		
Guitar / Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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