



Order of Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 27, 2022

Call to worship *(based on Luke 9:28-36)*

“Listen to him!” Our God cries from the mountaintop.

It is good for us to be here. We bow before our God in worship.

May God’s Word sink into our ears.

May our hearts be transfigured, our minds filled with understanding.

Call to confession

God calls us to faithfulness. Yet, we so often fall short. Let us approach our God of grace, with sincere confession and contrite hearts.

Prayer of confession

Creator of all, you speak, but we fail to listen. You guide, but we fail to follow. You move, but we remain stuck and stagnant in the same patterns of destruction and sin. Free us from our failures, Holy God. Save us from ourselves so we can hear and heed your call. Amen.

Assurance of pardon *(Psalm 32:1)*

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Friends, be happy, be free, for our sins, in Jesus Christ,
have been forgiven. Amen.

Prayer for illumination

Lord, help us not only to hear your Word read and proclaimed today but listen to it that we may understand. May your Word challenge and change us on this Transfiguration Sunday. Amen.

Scripture readings

Sermon

Affirmation of faith *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)*

This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9;
Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

Call for the offering

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the Giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

Prayer of dedication

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing, and the destitute. Amen.



Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

O God, do not keep silent, do not hide yourself from us. Turn your face towards us in this time of prayer that we might hear you well and discern your will for our lives.

Your glory is revealed, dearest God, through this mountaintop moment of worship. We bask in the glow of your presence through Word and worship, through prayers, hymns and liturgy. You remind us of your promises here, promises of a world redeemed and restored, promises of hope for justice and peace for all. We soak up your light. We radiate your love. Like Moses, we come down from our mountaintop time spent in your presence shining like stars in the night sky, ready to reflect your beauty to the world.

God of our salvation, you cry out to us from today's Scripture. You command us to listen to your son, your chosen. Jesus has a good word for us today and every day. Yet too often we fail to listen or interpret his words into what we want to hear, not what we should. Enlarge our capacity to understand, Holy God. Let Jesus' words sink into our ears and direct our lives. Transfigure us today, so we can faithfully carry out Christ's ministry.

Wellspring of Life, the sabers of war are rattling; militarism and violence are preferred means to our own greedy ends. Protect the innocent, Holy God, caught between warring powers. Shelter the poor and the suffering. Stymie the powerful and privileged. Heal the wounds within us that breed conflict and neglect the necessary work of peace.

United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, Savior God. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together, **"Our Father ..."**



Charge and benediction

Open your ears to God's Chosen Son
Open your minds to understanding.
Open your hearts to transfiguration.

And may the grace of our God the Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

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