# Transfiguration of the Lord February 19, 2023

## Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

**Prelude** 

**Welcome & Announcements** 

**Preparation for Worship** (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Susan Obenschain

Great is the Lord—
exalted among the nations.
Mighty is the Lord—
King of heaven and earth.
Holy is the Lord—
beyond our understanding.
Let us worship our God and King!

### Invocation

Susan Obenschain

Jesus, today we celebrate your transfiguration. You remind us that you are powerful and holy. We cannot completely understand you, but you do teach us that you are our God and you love us. We praise you, holy Lord! We glorify you, almighty King! We exalt you, Son of God! Thank you for showing us who you are. In your name we pray. **Amen.** 

∳ Hymn 9

Praise, the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

#### <u>Confessing</u> God invites us to be honest with Him

#### **Call to Confession**

Susan Obenschain

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

#### **Prayer of Confession** (In Unison)

Susan Obenschain

Eternal God, we confess that we do not expect and long for the transforming power of your love to work miracles in these hard hearts of ours. Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle, to relieve us of the responsibilities and the challenges you set before us. Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power and in the power of love to change our lives, and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons Christ calls us to be. Amen.

#### **Time for Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Susan Obenschain

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God!

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

## Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.

#### <u>Offering</u>

#### Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation

How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action.

Offering

Offertory

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men

### Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we give our best, lest in gaining the world we lose life itself. As a covenant people, we seek to witness to your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the wealth entrusted to our care. As we contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

### Dayspring

Wesley, Mejias

Verse 1
Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true the only light,
Son of righteousness arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high be near,
Day star in my heart appear.

Verse 2
Dark and cheerless is the morn,
were it ever without Thee Joyless in the day's return,
til thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

Verse 3
Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief,
Fill me radiancy divine,
scatter all my un belief.
More and more thy self display,
shining to the perfect day.

## Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon On the Mountaintop with Jesus Dan Baker

Scripture Reading Mark 9: 2-13

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves to be alone. He was transfigured in front of them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling—

extremely white as no launderer on earth could whiten them. <sup>4</sup> Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it's good for us to be here. Let's set up three shelters: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"— <sup>6</sup> because he did not know what to say, since they were terrified.

<sup>7</sup> A cloud appeared, overshadowing them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him!"

<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. <sup>10</sup> They kept this word to themselves, questioning what "rising from the dead" meant.

<sup>11</sup> Then they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?"

<sup>12</sup> "Elijah does come first and restores all things," he replied. "Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be treated with contempt? <sup>13</sup> But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did whatever they pleased to him, just as it is written about him."

Sermon

"The Transfiguration" Rev. Tim Latham

## Responding We respond to God's Word

∳ Hymn 88

Fairest Lord Jesus

Profession of Faith (Colossians 1)

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**Prayers of the People** 

## Commissioning God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Riddle

## Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He. Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Verse 1 (repeat)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, holy is He. Sing a new song to Him who sits on heaven's mercy seat.

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is he Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. With all creation I sing, praise to the King of kings. You are my everything, and I will adore You.

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color, flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.

Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be to You, the only wise King.

Chorus

Verse 3
Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, at the mention of Your name.
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water, such a marv'lous mystery.

Chorus (2x)

### Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Bernie Hughes and Jim Fox

Postlude