Worship Service ~ February 19, 2023, 9:00 Transfiguration Sunday

VISION: Be the body of Christ: welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith. MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Broadcast is sponsored by Chuck & Dorothy Grandstrand in honor of their 59th Wedding Anniversary.

PRELUDE on St. Denio (ELW #834) arr. Wilbur Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING HYMN ELW #834 IMMORTAL INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE Stz 1, 4

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Thou reignest of glory, thou dwellest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the \oplus Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

~Silence for reflection~

L: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, O God,

C: in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Holy Spirit" Worship Band

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #174 CELTIC ALLEULIA

R: A Gospel reading from the 17th chapter of Matthew.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" 'When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 9As they were coming down the mountain. Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

R: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #631 LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVE'S EXCELLING stz 1, 4

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art. Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.



MUSICAL OFFERING *"Shine Jesus Shine"* arr. Peggy Bettcher; Bells of Faith, Dean Jensen, director

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray, liberating God,

C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Merciful God.

C: receive our prayer.

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion. Following, please join us for the closing hymn and dismissal.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

HYMN ELW #838 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR stz 1, 3 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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