

Transfiguration Sunday | Shelter Island Presbyterian Church



Transfiguration Sunday (Year A)

10:30 A.M. | Sunday, February 12th, 2017

Today's Texts:

Exodus 24:12-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Psalm 2

Matthew 17:1-9

*(The worship service begins with the **prelude**. Let us silently prepare our hearts and allow others the same opportunity.)*

**We invite you to rise in body or in spirit*

Chimes

Prelude:

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord”

Jacques Breathier
Taizé Community

***Call to Worship**

The Holy One is our sovereign.

Ps. 99

Let us praise God's great and awesome name!

Mighty ruler, lover of justice,

you have established fairness among us.

Come, let us worship God!

***Prayer of the Day**

God of majesty and might,

Ps. 99:4

you have blessed us with revelations of your glory.

Give us the gift of faith,

that we may hear your voice for ourselves

2 Pet. 1:18

and see Jesus Christ revealed to us

that we may stand on our own without fear. **Amen.**

Matt. 17:7

***Hymn No. 189**

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

DEO GRACIAS

***Invitation to Confession**

Trusting in God's steadfast love,

let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession

Glorious God,
you are all wisdom
and a lamp to our feet,
yet we fail to listen to you
and neglect to follow your guidance.
Forgive us, heal us,
and lead us on,
that we may walk in your ways
and be happy in your refuge;
in Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.

Ps. 2:12

*Sung Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am Bb C Dm
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

The good news of our faith is this:
if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven.
That promise gives us peace and joy;
let us share that peace and joy with one another.
Alleluia! Amen.

Ps. 99:8

*Gloria Patri

Glory to God, No. 581

*The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
— Please greet those around you —

Prayer for Illumination

God our light,
make us attentive to your Word
as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives
until that great day dawns
and the morning star rises in our hearts. **Amen.**

2 Pet. 1:19

First Reading Exodus 24:12-18
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

pew Bible pg. 78

Anthem “Transform Us”

Sylvia Dustan

Second Reading Matthew 17:1-9
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

pew Bible pg. 19

Sermon “Transfiguration”

Rev. Stephen M. Fearing

***Hymn** “Jesus Climbed the Mighty Mountain” AUSTRIAN HYMN
Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2015

*Jesus climbed the mighty mountain with disciples by his side.
Peter, John, and James went with him; there the Spirit would abide.
Early in the morn they gathered to prepare to climb the height.
Little did they know that blindness would reveal their sacred sight!*

*Once the mountain had been conquered, Jesus stopped to pray and rest.
Then the Spirit came upon him, dazzling white upon his breast.
Jesus' face appeared to change him, morphing into blinding glow.
All who saw it masked their faces, marveled at the Spirit's show.*

*Once their bleary eyes adjusted to the splendor of the view,
Moses and Elijah joined him, Jesus spoke between the two.
Three white faces shown and glimmered, chatted till the sun grew dim.
Peter, John, and James grew weary, yet they stated and worshiped him.*

*Peter was the first to speak up; he had watched them long enough:
“it is good for us to stay here; let us get some camping stuff!”
Then a voice came down from heaven, bellowing as from the past:
“Here's my Son, my chosen prophet. Be still, Peter, listen fast!*

*Hymn No. 12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO

***Charge & Benediction**

Choral Benediction “Sing of God Made Manifest” Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Postlude “Lift Up the Gates Eternal” arr. Emma Lou Diemer
Israeli Folk Melody

Information About Today's Worship Service

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Thank you to our worship and fellowship leaders this morning!

Assisting :

Greeter:

Usher:

Coffee Hour Host:

Today's flowers are given by Webster Schott in memory of Susan Schott

A very special welcome to our guests! Worship bags with activities for children are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher and we'll be happy to help you. Please join us for light refreshments and fellowship after worship today in Fellowship Hall.

This week at Shelter Island Presbyterian Church:

Sunday, February 26	Worship	10:30 a.m.
Monday, February 27	Engaging the Text	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 1	Ash Wednesday Soup Dinner	6:00 p.m.
	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 3	AA	7:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, March 5	Worship	10:30 a..m
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*Join us at 7:00 P.M. this upcoming
Wednesday, March 1st, for our annual
Ash Wednesday service* which marks, with
penitence and humility, the beginning of
the season of Lent and, thus, our long
journey following Christ to the cross. As
always, we invite you to join us at 6 P.M.
before the service for a free soup dinner.



Lent is a time of self-reflection and penitence, a time to acknowledge our sinfulness and need for God's mercy. From the church's earliest days, Lent was a time of preparation for baptism of new converts and penitence leading to the reconciliation of those estranged from the community.

Mirroring the forty days of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness (which itself mirrored forty-day periods of trial experienced by Noah, Moses, and Elijah), the season of Lent begins forty-six days before Easter Sunday. Because every Sunday was to be a celebration of the resurrection and therefore not a day of fasting, the Sundays of Lent are not included in the forty penitential days of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, Christians are invited to enter a period of self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-denial. We are called to use these forty days as a time of reflection on our sins, the ways that we separate ourselves from God and from one another. Thus is it easy to characterize Lent as the somber, solemn period of the church year, but there is also joy to be found in the journey. The juxtapositions of mortality and eternity, sin and grace, death and life, make the path to Jesus' cross and tomb a rugged, rewarding terrain.

Lent can be a dangerous time. People come to the church looking for discipline and a new way to live; they come to be challenged - prepared for the heartache and joy of the cross to come. The fallacy of Lent can occur when we contain the season to six weeks of intentionality and introspection rather than building a Lent that becomes a life.

It is dangerous to meet Jesus in the dark places, to ask the same questions of ourselves that Jesus asked of his disciples, to accept Jesus' radical touch. In these moments of utter truth and honesty, we find ourselves vulnerable enough to connect with the risen Christ as never before.

- from *Feasting on the Word: Lenten Companion*

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SIPC Prayer List

The nations in the Middle East, our planet, the men and women in the Armed Forces and our leaders. For Ashley Sanderson, Lisa Armour, Tara Chituk, Jill Tuttle Albiani, Sue Speeches-Caddle, Michael Murphy, Don Zabel, Stetson, Jane & Greg Hall, Susan Hansen, Gasper Caro, Sven Corfitzen, Evandos Jones, Romaine Elgart, Joseph Walsh, Staff Sargent Jeremy Schmidt, Laurie Thomson Emery, Sharon Gibbs, Wm. J Campbell, Melanie Panzigtau, Gary Koehler, Dan Weginski, Donna Barletta, Edie Petry, Gert Bourne, Nicholas Moorehead, Howard Jackson and Linda Betjeman and Karen Tudor.

We will gladly list the names of any individuals in need of our prayers. You may share names with us by turning in a note from the pew or by calling the church office prior to Friday a.m. We will continue to list the names for 4 weeks and then they will be removed unless a specific request is made.