

Northminster Presbyterian Church

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 23, 2020

CENTERING THOUGHT

Sweet Jesus

(Peter, on the mountain) Not the light but how it spoke, his transfigured flesh an instrument of consonance and discord. As if that were not enough, Elijah? Moses, too?

James grabbed his knife. John stood mute, disfigured by fear. And I? Well, some people act. Some wait, and then there are those who think out loud.

Let's build three sheds! I shouted, instantly regretting it. What I meant was hold still, but my words never come out right. When light stopped throbbing,

tympani broke the sky. It shook us hard. That voice. Nothing I want to hear again, believe me. Later, stumbling downhill, following his easy stride,

we knew our former selves were done. Sweet Jesus my body bucked with the secret we were sworn to keep. When I couldn't sleep under insufficient

stars, I rose and tore my tunic off, ripped it in two.

Christine Hemp



 $* = \mathbf{n}$ Those who are able, please stand.

Congregation responds in bold.

Cell phones ringing during worship will be collected and shall incur a \$50 fee for missions.

APPROACHING GOD





Let All the Peoples Praise You, O God

Michael Bedford (born 1949) Bel Canto

Refrain: Let all the peoples praise you, O God! Let all the peoples praise you. From this time forth and forevermore, let all the peoples praise you.

May God be gracious and bless us, may the face of God shine upon us,
That the ways of God may be known upon earth, God's saving power among all nations.

Refrain

The earth has yielded its increase, and God, our own God, has blessed us;
May God continue to bless us; let the ends of the earth revere him.

Refrain



The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

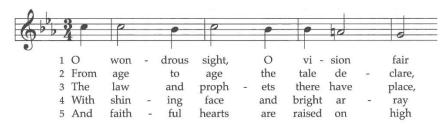
The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm. Out of the cloud, God speaks:

This is my beloved Son; listen to him! Let us worship God.



O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS











Marland Pittman

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain and you persisted in revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds; through your life of humble service.

All: We confess our failure to listen to you because of the influence on our lives of the gods of this world.

Leader: If we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities prevents us from seeing and serving people in need.

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Higher Voices: If we conceal your glory because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness:

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Lower Voices: If we conceal your justice through our failure to empower those who are powerless:

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Higher Voices: If we conceal your mercy because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes:

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Lower Voices: If we conceal your compassion because of our prejudice and intolerance:

All: Forgive us Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and are.

lacksquare * Silence for Personal Prayer and Reflection



* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God of the rushing wind, God of the still small voice, you speak words to us – words to banish fear, words to conquer sin, words to renew our faith, words to set us free, words to set us on the right path again.

Friends, know that God's pardon and peace is ours.

Praise God for new beginnings!



Jesus Loves Me

Traditional

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

* SHARING THE PEACE (Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace.)

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD



Children may be excused for Church School at this time.

The heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonder of His work displays the firmament. The day that is coming speaks to the day, the night that is gone to following night.

In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood. The heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonder of His work displays the firmament.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 50: 1-15

Hal Hopson (born 1933) (9:00) Section Leaders (11:00) Chancel Choir



Ex-alt the Lord our God; bow down be - fore the ho-ly hill.



Mark 9: 2-9 (Pg. 44)

SERMON

Shine Jesus Shine

Ruth Chadwick Moore



RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2: 5-11

We believe in Jesus Christ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.





Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.



(Please sign the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.)



Here in this Holy Time and Place

John Jordan (born 1941) Section Leaders

Here in this holy time and place, transfigured Lord, Grant us to know your perfect grace by sign and word, Then let us to our journey move, leaving behind passions and cares which hindrance prove for heart and mind.

Let us not seek for cheap relief from loss and pain, but tread the holy path of grief, Christ, in your name. Here may we celebrate the grace so long concealed, Now in the glory of your grace fully revealed.



LASST UNS ERFRUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



GOING FORTH



Transform Us As You, Transfigured

PICARDY



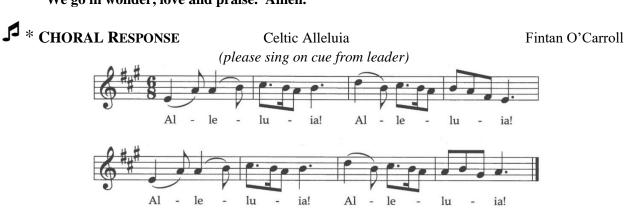
** BLESSING AND CHARGE

Friends, may the very face of God shine upon you with beauty and blessing.

Alleluia!

Now go in peace, beloved people of God.

We go in wonder, love and praise. Amen.



Acolytes today are Eva and Norah Ellington.

Teri Thomas is on a mission trip. Marland Pittman is assisting in worship.

IN WORSHIP

What is a Prayer for Illumination? In the Service for the Lord's Day, we offer a prayer for illumination just prior to the reading and proclaiming of the scriptures. This prayer seeks the illumination of the Holy Spirit and calls upon God to make us receptive to the life-giving word, which comes to us through scripture. Reformed worship, at its heart, is what one might describe as *epicletic* (from the Greek *epiclesis*), in that it calls upon the Holy Spirit to animate our worship. Through the prayer, we acknowledge our dependence on the action of the Spirit to transfigure the language of scripture and preaching from ordinary words to the Living Word, which has the power to open and transform hearts and minds. John Calvin (1509 – 1564) is credited as the first theologian to introduce the Prayer for Illumination in corporate worship.

Today we observe the Transfiguration of the Lord. "Transfiguration" refers to a change in form or appearance. At the Transfiguration, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the consuming fire of the glory of the Lord at Mount Sinai. Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus represents the fulfillment of the law and baptism, as God again claims him as a "beloved child." This event also looks forward to his death and resurrection, as the one who is lifted up on the cross will reveal the glorious victory of God.

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What's Next?

Worship

February 26 – Ash Wednesday. Soup supper is at 5:30pm. We will worship at 7pm with the imposition of ashes. Be sure to join us for this service which marks the beginning of Lent.

March 1 – First Sunday in Lent, Teri Thomas, preaching.

March 8 – Second Sunday in Lent, Teri Thomas, preaching.

March 15 – Third Sunday in Lent, Teri Thomas preaching.

March 22 – Fourth Sunday in Lent, Alan Thames, preaching.

March 29 – Fifth Sunday in Lent, Don Durrett, preaching.

Mission

February Family Promise/IHN Supply Drive – please bring items to the Gathering Place (yellow bin)

Events and Education

Pipe Organ Task Force – February 25, 6pm

Sarah Circle – February 25, 7pm

Spiritual Striders – February 26, 9am

Ashes to Go - February 26, 4-6pm

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper – February 26, 5:30pm

Ash Wednesday Worship – February 26, 7pm

Stephen Ministers Leaders – February 27, 12:30pm

Sound & Spirit Concert – The Jeremiahs (traditional Irish) – February 28, 7pm. FREE

75th Anniversary –Ways we serve, and a service opportunity – March 1, 10am

Called Session Meeting – March 1, 10am

Prayer Ministry Lenten Prayer Time – Sundays, March 1 through April 5, 10:15-10:45am

Fisk Pipe Organ Delivery and Chili Lunch-March 1, reservations deadline is February 27

Wednesday Night Lenten Study – Stories and THE Story – March 4, 11, 18, 24, April 1, 6pm

3B Exercise – Mondays 2:30pm

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – 11am

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Wednesdays at 8am

For more information, check out our website (northminster-indy.org). To give by text message on a smartphone, text the amount to 317-316-3009. Our online system, ShelbyNext, will prompt you through a one-time set-up.

A Reception to Honor Pastor Teri

Saturday, March 14, 4 – 6pm

Don't miss this chance to honor Pastor Teri's many years of service and leadership with this congregation. We hope you can join us as we say thank you and celebrate Pastor Teri's impact on our lives and on this congregation.

Reservations are not necessary, but for planning purposes, it would be appreciated if you would indicate how many are *planning* to attend on the sheet on the coffee bar or by calling the office. Thank you!

MINISTRY

Teri L. Thomas Pastor

Ruth Chadwick Moore Associate Pastor

John M. Wright
Director, Music Ministries

Marko Petričić Music Associate/Organist

Carol McDonald Parish Associate **Denise Harrington** Senior Ministry

Melissa Hopkins
Interim Christian Education

Marland Pittman Interim Youth

Donald R. Durrett Associate Pastor Emeritus

Carol Campbell John Reed Tony Dzwonar Stephen Ministry Leaders **Lori Schlabach** Church Business Administrator

Susan Glant Nancy J. Sala Administrative Assistants

Tim McElroy Lead Custodian

Jonathan Petersen Sunday Custodian