

Order of Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord

10:30 a.m.

February 14, 2021

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING THE CANDLE

"Forth in the Peace of Christ"

Michael Higgins

Please observe a time of silence as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Radiant Lord, you shine with purity, power, and truth. Your mercy reflects your compassion, your care, and your love. Transform us into your image as we seek to follow you. Use us to make your presence known throughout the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

People: Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.

Leader: Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

People: Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.

Leader: Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

People: Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you. AMEN.

INTROIT

"O How I Love Jesus"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Forgive us our selfish concerns with earthly things and our failure to acknowledge your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, for that blindness to the wonder of your presence that causes us to live our lives from day to day without knowing you. Have mercy on us, give us grace to discern the suffering servant Lord in the midst of our lives, to worship and serve you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is that all who trust in Christ will have their sins forgiven and receive eternal life. As you hold this faith, I declare that you are set free from all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"May Jesus Christ Be Praised"

LAUDES DOMINI

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CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:2-6

We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we

proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Back to the Basics, Part Two
"Preparing for Adversity"

The Rev. Dr. Jeff Baxter

1. **Get Alone with God**
2. **Listen to God**
3. **Wait on God**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the New City Catechism, Question #7

Leader: What does the law of God require?

All: Personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience; that we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and love our neighbor as ourselves. What God forbids should never be done and what God commands should always be done.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"The Love of God"
arr. by Wilda Jackson Auld

F. M. Lehman

DOXOLOGY

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Generous God, it is through your mercy that we have this ministry—the ministry of our talents and treasure, the ministry of our passion and purpose. Strengthen our hearts for your service, and accept the grateful offerings we lay before you. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CLOSING SONG

"How Firm a Foundation"
EPC Brass +

FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Allegretto in D major”
arr. by David H. Hegarty

Julius Andre

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP:

Elder-of-the-Day: Ryan Raub

Worship Director: Jacob Ellis

Zoom Moderator: Tom Jenney

Music Director: Carolyn Blackburn

Organist/Pianist: Michael Ellis

Camera/Sound: Laurie Van Dyke

EPC Brass + is trumpets: Mark Ashby and Claire Juby; horn: Carolyn Blackburn; trombone: John Van Dyke; and piano: Michael Ellis

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