Transfiguration of the Lord February 11, 2024

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Y Call to Worship (Responsively)

Dan 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

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God of glory and mercy, before his death in shame your Son went to the mountaintop and you revealed his life in glory.

Where prophets witnessed to him, you proclaimed him to be your Son, but he returned to die among us.

Help us to face evil with courage, knowing that all things, even death, are subject to your transforming power.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Praise Song Cornerstone

Verse 1 (2x)

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus's name.

Chorus

Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

Verse 2
When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

Verse 3
When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus

Confessing

God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

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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.

-based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

Prayer of Confession

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God of transfiguration, you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we admit that too often our eyes are blind to your presence, too often our ears are deaf to your call. When you reach out to us through the cries of the hungry and homeless, too often our hearts shrink from your touch. Forgive us, we pray, and set us free to love and serve. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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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!

-based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, NRSV

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.

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

Invitation Let us be faithful stewards of our time, our talents,

and our money. so that our treasure is in heaven

and our giving pleases God.

Offering

Offertory Be Unto Your Name

Sandy Dulaney

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

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Hymn 285 In Christ, There is no East or West

Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Scripture Reading Luke 13:22-30

²² He went through one town and village after another, teaching and making his way to Jerusalem. ²³ "Lord," someone asked him, "are only a few people going to be saved?"

He said to them, ²⁴ "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and won't be able ²⁵ once the homeowner gets up and shuts the door. Then you will stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open up for us!' He will answer you, 'I don't know you or where you're from.' ²⁶ Then you will say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I don't know you or where you're from. Get away from me, all you evildoers!' ²⁸ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth in that place, when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves thrown out. ²⁹ They will come from east and west, from north and south, to share the banquet in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ Note this: Some who are last will be first, and some who are first will be last."

Sermon

"The Narrow Way" Rev. Tim Latham



Jesus, I Come

Verse 1
Out of my bondage sorrow and night
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom gladness and light
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus I come to Thee

Verse 2

Out of my shameful failure and loss Jesus I come Jesus I come Into the glorious gain of Thy cross Jesus I come to Thee Out of earths sorrows into Thy balm Out of lifes storms and into Thy calm Out of distress into jubilant psalm Jesus I come to Thee

Verse 3

Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus I come to Thee

Verse 4

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb Jesus I come Jesus I come Into the joy and light of Thy home Jesus I come to Thee Out of the depths of ruin untold Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold

Responding We respond to God's Word

Profession of Faith

Christ Jesus, 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 deatheven 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 to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! -from Philippians 2:5-11, NRSV

Prayers of the People

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

. Hymn 43	Great is Thy Faithfulness
Benediction & E	Blessing
Postlude	