

February 22, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Transfiguration Sunday

Liturgical Color: White

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Hour

In silence and reverence, let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Prelude

Toccata in C minor

Johann Walther

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Mark Robirds, Board of Stewards Chairperson

Leader: God summons us from the sun's rising to its setting. Listen, for the mighty One speaks to us.

People: **Our God comes and does not keep silence. Through fire and tempest, God is with us.**

Leader: God gathers those faithful to the covenant. Be quick to respond to God's invitation.

People: **We seek a double share of the prophet's spirit. We look for a vision to claim our souls.**

Leader: Open your ears to the good news of the gospel. Open your eyes to the glory of God.

People: **We have come to share knowledge of Jesus Christ. We gather, seeking transformation and empowerment.**

*Hymn No. 173

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

Invocation

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Speak to us, Mighty One, for we are eager to listen. Bless us, as we cry out to you for strength and vision. You have acted in times past to save your people. Save us now. You have sent prophets to change the world. Change us now. You have granted light in Jesus Christ. Shine on us now. Let us see your glory. Lift us to the mountaintop in this time of prayer. Stay close to us to melt away our doubts, and do not leave us, we pray, through Christ. Amen.

Mission Minute

Ann West

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Pages 412 & 413 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Page 220 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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Anthem (See insert for words)

Thee We Adore
Chancel Choir

arr. Ralph Johnson

Pastoral Prayer (You are invited to the altar for personal prayer time.)

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Wells

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Lee Robirds

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Spanish Hymn

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

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. Amen. Amen.

†*Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:2-9

Page 54 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"A Certain Quality of Light"

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 157

Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

*Benediction

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Benediction Response No. 666

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

*Please stand if you are able

Nursery Provided