



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Transfiguration
February 14, 2021

Thought for the Day

*We think and then plan, but as Napoleon Hill suggests,
“the beginning, as you will observe, is in your imagination.”*

Welcome

Prelude

“Rock of Ages”

(Diane Bish)

Tower Bell

Introit

Call to Worship

L: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth.

M: **From the rising of the sun to its setting.**

L: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

M: **Our God comes and does not keep silence.**

L: Before him is a devouring fire.

M: **And a mighty tempest all around him. He calls to the heavens
above and to the earth, that he may judge his people.**

L: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.
And all God's people say:

All: **Amen!!**

L: Let us Worship our God!!

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Holy and Glorious God, by our gathering together in Worship we are affirming our communal truth: it is good for us to be here. It is good to acknowledge our need and desire to Worship, and to be open to your presence in our midst. Help us prepare to receive the revelations you give when your people gather in Christ's name. And having been touched by the wondrous mystery of your love, and transformed by an experience of communion, may our lives reflect your glory.

Communicating God, we confess that we may come to church more out of habit and to see friends, rather than with sincere desire to praise and Worship you. We often suppose our experience in Worship will be like many of the days in the rest of our lives: ordinary, predictable, unsurprising, and uninspiring. Such an attitude deafens and blinds us to your in-breaking revelations, to awareness of your loving presence, to your word, and to our uplifting and life-changing Spirit.

We admit, O God, that although we, as a church, are blessed by our glorious presence in Christ, we too often fail to let you transform us. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

P: Hear the Good News! It is good for us to be gathered today. We know we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory, and that we all are in need of God's forgiveness. We are justified by grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

M: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen!

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**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.**

Scripture

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 50:1-6

- ¹ The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- ² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
- ³ Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.
- ⁴ He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- ⁵ "Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- ⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.

Anthem

“O God Beyond All Praising” (arr. Dan Forrest)

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send
at blessings without number and mercies without end.
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send
at blessings without number and mercies without end.
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through Him are given the final victory.
then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring
that we, we who know Your favor may serve you as our King
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
and make a joyful duty our song of praise.
Our sacrifice of praise.

Scripture

From the Letters of Paul: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ 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.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Invitation

The ends of the earth are our possession for a time, as stewards of God's bounty. When we manage well the abundant resources of the earth, there is joy awaiting us. Enter into the joy of giving.

Offertory

"Trust in the Lord"

(Allen Pote)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and lean not, lean not upon your own understanding.
In all your ways, in all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will show you the way. He will show you the way.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind and strength.
Love your neighbor, your neighbor as yourself.
Love and trust in the Lord. He will show you the way.

Scripture

From the Gospels: Mark 9:2-9

² 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, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one^[a] on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,^[b] one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved;^[c] listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ 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.

Sermon

"Our Transformation" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Hymn

"Sing of God Made Manifest" (Salzburg)
(see next page)

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

"Postlude on "Old Hundredth" (Fred Bock)

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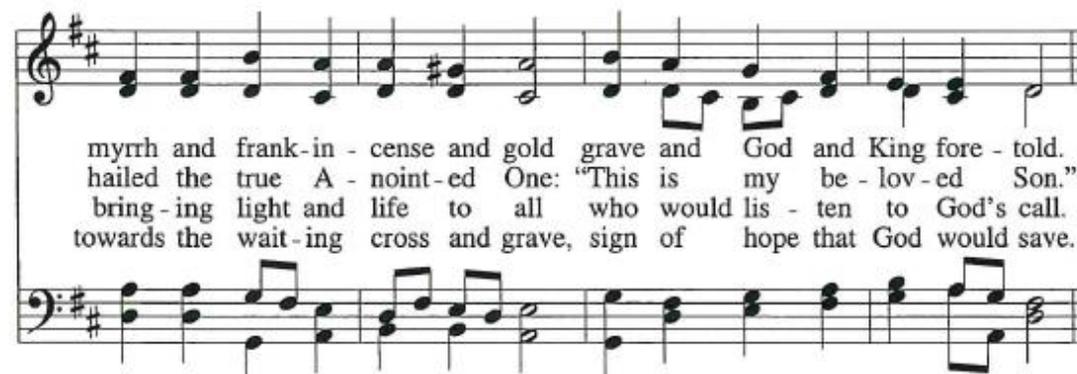
1 Sing of God made man-i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man-i - fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man-i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man-i - fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph-ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:



Ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro-found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank-in - cense and gold grave and God and King fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint-ed One: "This is my be - lov-ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Diana Stamm

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

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