

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

14 February 2021

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Silent Reflection:** “The most critical fact about Jesus was that he was a *spirit person*, a *mediator of the sacred*, one of those persons in human history to whom the Spirit was an experiential reality. At the center of Jesus’ life was a profound and continuous relationship to the Spirit of God.”

- Marcus Borg, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* (San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1994), 32.

**Words of Welcome** - Welcome, dear friends. Because nothing can “separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39), we have gathered to respond in worship and praise. Please fill out the attendance card in your bulletin and drop them in the offering plates at the end of the service. Thank you!

### WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

**Prelude:** (10:00) *I Stand At the Threshold*, from *Cantata #156*

J.S. Bach (Germany, 1685-1750)

**The Call to Worship:** (Psalm 27)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Be strong and let your heart take courage. Wait for the Lord!**

Let us worship God.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Opening Hymn:** (sung by the cantor)

Seek Ye First

*Lafferty*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**We seek you on the mountaintop, O God, for we fear to face the city. We would rather be dazzled by your splendor on some Sinai than obey your commandments in the urban wilderness. We find it easier to worship the wonder-working Jesus than to follow the Christ, who was obedient unto death. Merciful God, forgive our shallow ways. Help us to find you wherever you choose to dwell, and to serve you wherever you choose to send us. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### GOD’S WORD IS SPOKEN TO US

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Exodus 24:12-18

Pew Bible p. 87-88

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message for Young Disciples

(Please have children remain in their seats.)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-8

Pew Bible p. 22-23

Sermon:

**LISTEN**

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Jensen

**GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND**

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

*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 Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**Prayers of the People**

**Joys and Concerns**

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these joys to you,"  
the congregation responds, "**Thanks be to God.**"

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these concerns to you,"  
the congregation responds, "**Lord hear our prayer.**"

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

*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.*

**GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE**

**Hymn of Commitment:** (sung by cantor)

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

*Geneva*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude:** (10:00) *Flourish on 'Lasst Uns Erfreuen'*

John Behnke (United States, b. 1952)

**The Service is Ended, Go in Peace.**