

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP
Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2021

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Hyfrydol"* Michael Burkhardt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: We do not live on mountaintops

People: But we, too, would glimpse Your glory.

Liturgist: We come to worship the God who meets us in the broken places.

People: Shine the light of Christ deep into our lives

All: So we may carry that light into dark places.

*SPOKEN HYMN *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

*OPENING PRAYER by Rev. Madison Shockley

O Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love. Our hearts' desire is to bask in the amazing glory of Your divine presence. With each encounter we are changed and transformed. Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit. Help us, our Holy God, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory. May we walk among our brothers and sisters as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. Our world is hurting and we need, as the followers of Jesus, to follow more closely... maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying, ... "listen to my Child, the Beloved!" Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-13 and Mark 9:1-9

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*DOXOLOGY *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* No. 160

**Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forever more
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Transfiguration* No. 259

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our paths that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of Him, the one who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, together One God, for ever. Amen

MESSAGE *"Get Out of Neutral"* Pastor Alan Smith

SPOKEN HYMN *Jesus Calls Us* No. 398

AN INVITATION TO PRAY by Rev. Dr. David Baker

+Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Peter, James and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. *"It's good for us to be here. Let's get comfortable."* We are also often tempted to keep the experience of Your divine presence to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God, you know this temptation of our hearts, so we confess and pray for forgiveness.

All: God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable, with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+Assurance of Grace

Liturgist: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. Believe and accept God's love and live in God's freedom.

All: We believe! Thanks be to God!

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+ORGAN RESPONSE

***SPOKEN HYMN** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* No. 569

***BENEDICTION** adapted from Anita M. Constance

Pastor: God of truth, a blessing you promised and a blessing you give. Through deserts and up mountains we follow Jesus and there find you...and ourselves as we are meant to be.

People: In Jesus, the bright cloud of your grace is forever upon us. Make us willing to leave the mountaintop experiences of life and walk the plains of every day. Amen.

*ORGAN RESPONSE

***POSTLUDE** *Prelude in C Major* Dietrich Buxtehude

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP **f** *Celebration of Faith*



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Scriptures: 2 Kings 2: 1-13; Mark 9: 1-9

CONTEXT: A growing sense of apathy... A disheartened disengagement expecting little to nothing in the present, simply hoping to survive the moment.

People at the time of Elijah had become complacent with the society around them.

Elijah and Elisha - - a symbolic journey that reminds them, others engaged in it, and us - that God has been moving across history and still is. God has a plan.

“Beth-el” – means “House of God”.

Jericho – the transition point from the days of wandering to the “coming home” to the promises and plans for their future.

“It is good for us to be here... let’s build a stationary object here in this off the path place...”

God is calling for more than an encounter, God is calling for engagement in, participation with God by His servants

God is calling us to a solid mountain, to Bethel, to the challenges of Jericho, to cross the Jordan.

Elisha – he refuses to miss out... he wants the blessing of God...

Don’t be distracted by those who consistently attempt to give in or give up, to wait and see, to merely exist when we are called to live.

What is your next in your service of God?

SUNDAY

Valentines Day

8:30 - Drive In Worship [Parking Lot]

9:45 - Contemporary in Worship Center

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

6-8 - Youth Night

MONDAY

Presidents’ Day

TUESDAY

5:00-8:00—Prayer Ministry Team [rm 21]

WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday

7:00 am - Prayer & Sacrament

7:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

12:30-4:00—Prayer Ministry [Forge room]

5:00—C Design Team

5:30—T Design Team

7:00—Young Adult [zoom] last week

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

7:00—Men’s sm grp [pavilion/lounge]

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

6:00 - Drive In Worship [Parking Lot]

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