

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 19, 2023

Pre-Service Music: *Prelude in Classic Style* - Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Andantino* - A.M. Guest

Introit: *O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair*

Call to Worship

The day has dawned, the morning star rises in our hearts.

We witness the glory of Christ!

God speaks to us in cloud and flame, in mysterious words and dazzling visions.

We witness the glory of Christ!

The Lord loves justice and equity, and is exalted over all the people.

We witness the glory of Christ! Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

O God in the transfiguration of your Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn #274: *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* (please stand)

Call to Confession

Standing in the light of Christ, we see the shadows hidden in our hearts.

**Let us tell the truth about ourselves, trusting in God's grace,
that we might receive mercy and be renewed.**

Prayer of Confession

Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

Declaration of Pardon

Children of God, hear the good news:

We are forgiven, again and again, by this glorious God.

What a wonder! **Alleluia!**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Glory Be to the Father #581:

(please stand)

Anthem: *Lauda Anima* Benjamin Harlan

Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Worship leader will lead the prayers. Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our loves proclaim your greatness.

Merciful God. **Receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified, who taught us to pray:

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

Hymn #193:

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain vs. 1, 2, 3, 5 (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

O Lord, on this Sunday of Transfiguration, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words — that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and serving one another. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 24:12 - 18

Epistle Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16 – 21

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1 – 9

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of the Lord is forever.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *A New Glow*

Pastor Amy Cornelius

Affirmation of Faith Prayer for Listening and Speaking – First Presbyterian, Rolla

In all the relationships of our church life, community life, and personal life may we follow the teachings of Jesus. May we endeavor to speak the truth in love and be guided by scripture in our thoughts, decisions, and actions. May we respect and listen deeply to one another, keep confidences, and avoid gossip and triangulation. May we pray for and with one another, building each other up, realizing every soul is precious to God. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

(please stand)

Doxology #606:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer of Dedication:

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as a people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Sending Hymn #190:

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

(stand)

Benediction:

(remain standing)

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: *The Call* - David Paxton

Scriptures are read from the NRSV translation. Music presented by Jeff Sandquist and Lorie Francis. Worship led by Cheryl Koederitz and sermon provided by Pastor Amy Cornelius.

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