

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

Pre-Service Music: *There is a Fountain* – R. Christopher Teichler

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Fair Havens* – Stan Pethel

Introit #193: *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*
Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

God of the mountaintop, you call us to journey with you.

**Shine upon us; grant us sacred illumination;
dazzle us with your beauty and glory.**

In the midst of our weary souls and exhausted bodies,

**Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us
what is possible.**

In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,

**Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us
what is possible.**

In the midst of crushing disasters, natural and humanmade,

**Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us
what is possible.**

Move us from scarcity and cynicism and transfigure our
lowly visions to reveal the abundant life of your realm.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Lord our God answers our prayers. The Holy One forgives us of our sin. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Thanks be to God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God* (stand)

Anthem: *Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair* Robert Scholz

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all.

God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen**

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings (please rise)

Offering #710:

We are an Offering

Prayer of Dedication and Illumination:

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus. As we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 34:29 - 35.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:28 - 36

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

Who Is Jesus?

Jonathan Kimball

Communion Anthem:

I am the Vine

Paul D. Weber

Invitation to the Table and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... We join with the heavenly choirs and the faithful of every time and place to sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

...Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising
you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

According to Christ's commandment:

**We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

**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**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.
Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches.
Come to me and never be hungry;
believe in me and never thirst.
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God. *(take the communion)*

Prayer After Communion

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of Life. Amen

Sending Hymn #853: *We Are Marching in the Light of God*
(stand)

Charge and Benediction: John Birch-www.faithandworship.com
(remain standing)

In every moment of this day
May you know the embrace of God's love
May you hear the whisper of God's voice
May you feel the presence of God's Spirit
May you share the knowledge of God's grace
In every moment of this day
and the week to come.

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

Postlude: *This World is Not My Home* – Arr. By Brian Buda

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