

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Gracious and loving God, as we place these gifts upon your altar, we ask for a special blessing upon them. These are gifts that represent who and where we are in this life. Bless the giver and the gifts. Amen.

***Hymn:**

“The Voice of God Is Calling”

UMH# 436

Benediction

One: Go down from the mountaintop, and do not question whether you are worthy to live the life you are called to live.

Many: We will be made worthy.

One: Do not doubt that people will challenge your ways.

Many: They shall.

One: Do not insist that you are not able.

Many: We will be made able.

One: Do not beg God to send someone else.

Many: Our name has been called.

One: Let us go in the knowledge that God joins us on our journey. Amen!

Postlude:

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr S. Karg-Elert

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Acolytes: Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Altar Flowers: In memory of Ray & Barbara S, from the S family.

Altar Guild: Chad Thompson & Shonali Bhajjan

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Chancel Art: Nicole Baker

Fellowship Hour this Month: Membership & Evangelism Committee Volunteers

Liturgist: Holly Joy Pearson

Ushers: Head Usher, Sheila Womble; Asst. Head Usher, Don Cushing; Ushers, Lisa Bakowski,

Holly Blair, Ray Miller

Video Team: Nicole Baker, Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony & Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Borys B, James B (Bridget’s brother), Vonda B (Chad T’s sister), The B family, Marilyn C, Margaret (Peg) C, Mary C (Matt’s mother), Leslie D (friend of Mary Beth G), Dominick E, Kelly H, Courtney H (Sheila W’s daughter), Blair J (Brenda L’s grandson), John K, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, (Katherine’s sister-in-law), Velma M, Dorothy M, Holly Joy P, Daryl P, Claire (L) P, Catherine Ann R, Nancy S, Lynn T, Mary (Twining) G (Nate T’s sister & Camille’s sister-in-law), Alison W, The W family, Andrew Williams (Phyllis Thompson’s nephew), our service men, women and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God’s love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Meditation:

“I wish I could stay on this great mountain of transfiguration that has come over me these last ten days, but there are some nine-hundred-and-seventy-odd {thousand} of my black brothers and sisters down in the state of Mississippi, most of whom can’t register and vote.” ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT TO WORSHIP

** Those who are able are invited to stand. * Items in bold are read in unison.*

We are invited to observe silence during the prelude. Please turn off cell phones.

If you have a prayer request, please write it on a “Prayer Card” found in the card rack, and place it in the offering plate.

All prayer requests will be lifted up during the Wednesday morning prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Prelude: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” arr. D. Wood

Welcome and Announcements

(New visitors only please fill out the blue paper in the red folder. Others, please sign the white attendance sheets.)

Introit: “Lead Me, O Lord” S. E. Hays

*Call to Worship:

One: Just a taste of something wonderful.

Many: Only a glimpse of something magnificent,

One: Just a glimmer of something holy in something ordinary.

Many: Yet, enough to know we are in the presence of God,

One: Enough to cause us to stop and stare in awe,

Many: Enough to stir our hearts in wonder.

One: Enough to set our feet to dancing!

All: And to prompt our voices to protest and praise. Amen.

***Hymn:** “O Wonderous Sight! O Vision Fair” UMH# 258 vv. 1,2,4 & 5

*Prayer of Confession:

Many: Radiant God, Source of Light, as you surrounded Jesus with your glory, so you come to us in a penetrating brightness. You catch us off guard and expose our weaknesses. We choose the limelight while you call us to explore the shadows and brighten the darkness. We see the spectacular while you bind up the broken in countless acts of mercy. We seek to stay on the mountain or in the comfortable pew, while you walk the valleys of need. Radiant God, fill us with the light of Jesus and with the courage to carry the Good News into a hurting world, and to bring back the joy of your presence. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness:

One: Hear these our prayers O Lord, and forgive our shortcomings. Reorient our lives toward a new future, one that is filled with promise and love. **Amen!**

Special Music: “Shine, Jesus Shine” G. Kendrick arr. J. Schrader

*Passing the Peace of Christ:

LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT’S WORD TO US

Children’s Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

The 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. Amen.

Prayer Response

***Hymn:** “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” TFWS# 2103

(Children 4-6 years old are invited to Bible Story Time downstairs. Parents are asked to escort their children and pick them up. Thank you. Chapel Kids is still on hiatus until next week.)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9 (NRSV) N.T. pp. 19-20

Response to the Word:

One: For the words of challenge, for the words of blessing, for the spirit of wisdom moving in our midst,

Many: We give God honor, thanks and praise.

Sermon: “Transfiguration” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: (Discipleship Ministries)

O Loving God, as we share our tithes and offerings today, we pray that you, through Jesus, will continue the work of creation in us, that we might become more tolerant, more forgiving, more generous, and more loving. In the name of Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we pray. Amen.

Offertory: “Be Thou My Vision” Traditional arr. D. Forrest

***Doxology:** UMH# 94