

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THELORD
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

Prelude (A time for Silence and Reflection)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

L: O Lord, you are a lover of justice,

P: You seek equity and have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

L: We praise your great and awesome name,

P: We come to worship you at your holy mountain.

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

Hymn of the Month GTG# 749

“Come! Live in the Light!” (Verses 1, 2)

Call to Confession

In the transfiguration story, Jesus’ clothes became dazzling white, a sign of resurrection out of the violence the world inflicted upon him. Resurrection reminds us that the sins of the world and of our lives will not have the last world. God’s love, compassion and justice will be established on the earth. So let us confess before God and one another

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of pardon

Just as a cloud overshadowed the disciples in the transfiguration story, and they heard a voice say that Jesus is the beloved of God, so too we are God’s beloved people. Be forgiven and restored to our right standing as God’s beloved.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Gloria Patri**

“Glorify Thy Name”

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name

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Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Prayer for illumination

God of transfiguring light, show us your Word as we read the words of Scripture today, so that your will and way can illumine our paths. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there. I’ll give you the stone tablets with the instructions and the commandments that I’ve written in order to teach them.” So Moses and his assistant Joshua got up, and Moses went up God’s mountain. Moses had said to the elders, “Wait for us here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur will be here with you. Whoever has a legal dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The Lord’s glorious presence settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from the cloud. To the Israelites, the Lord’s glorious presence looked like a blazing fire on top of the mountain. Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L: This is the word God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

Scripture Reading:

2 Peter 1:16-21

We didn’t repeat crafty myths when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Quite the contrary, we witnessed his majesty with our own eyes. He received honor and glory from God the Father when a voice came to him from the magnificent glory, saying, “This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well-pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. In addition, we have a most reliable prophetic word, and you would do well to pay attention to it, just as you would to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Most important, you must know that no prophecy of scripture represents the prophet’s own understanding of things, because no prophecy ever came by human will. Instead, men and women led by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“We Are Here to Tell the Truth”

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Hymn GTG#452

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Words of Gratitude

God is the giver of life and the resources therein. Let us now dedicate our lives and resources to the God in whom we live and move and have our being.

Offertory

RESPOND IN GRACE

“Thank you Jesus”

Thank you Thank you Jesus

Thank you Thank you Jesus in my heart

Thank you Thank you Jesus

Thank you Thank you Jesus in my heart

*** Doxology**

“Sithi Bonga (We Sing Praise)”

Sithi bonga bonga bonga bonga sithi bonga sithi bonga,

sithi bonga bonga bonga bonga; enhle hlabele

sithi bonga bonga bonga bonga sithi bonga sithi bonga

sithi bonga bonga sithi bonga enhle hlabelela.

Prayer of Dedication

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts we have received from your good creation. We now ask your blessing upon the gifts we offer here today so that they might be a sign of our commitment to serve you in all that we are and do. Amen.

Prayers of the People (See backpage)

***Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn GTG#192

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

Announcements

Benediction

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

Hear the voice from the cloud saying to each and to all: “You are my beloved.” So beloved of God: Listen to Christ. Follow in the way of Christ. Resist evil. Love one another as God in Christ has loved you. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Prayers of the People

O Lord our God, Christ has been transfigured before us on a high mountain. You have revealed your way to us in Christ. The way of the cross and resurrection calls us to be agitators of non-violence, love and justice in our world. Indeed, in the power of Christ you have enabled us to be your peace in our world. In his crucifixion, the violence of our world has been exposed as contrary to your way of justice. Transfigure us by your Spirit and shape us by your love to be disciples of Christ in our weary and broken world.

In your Spirit, O God, form us to be the liberating life that was displayed in Moses, the prophetic witness of Elijah, and the risen Christ who established the new creation in the church and world. Let our lives shine like the transfigured Christ so that we might be a blessing to those that struggle, a hope to the dying, and a sign of your resurrection life.

And as we continue to struggle with gun violence in our communities, we pray that you would give us wisdom to know how to leave peaceably on our world. We ask a special measure of wisdom for the leadership of our country and world that they might discern the path to end violence and war. And may we be agents of your love for those within our churches and in our communities. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying, "Our Father..."

Church Officers

At last week's congregational meeting we elected new Deacons and Elders. These are our officers now.

Session

2024	2025	2026
Rich Ellison	Tom Clemmens	Kofi Boateng
Bob Supina		Duna Fullerton

Deacons

2024	2025	2026
Lisa Clemmens		Susan Caretta
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"A multicultural congregation worshipping together where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and children share in leadership; and where the strength of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2023

- In person hybrid worship at 11AM
- English Bible Study Thursdays at 11:00AM.
- Spanish Bible Study will be Wednesdays at 10:00AM.
- Prayer Time on Fridays at 11AM via zoom.
- Ash Wednesday Reflection Service will be Wednesday February 22nd at 7PM in the Chapel
- We will be hosting the Homeless Program this week From February 20th – February 27th

-Zoom worship Service at 11:00AM
By Computer/Por Computadora
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Prayers and Praise

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for Israel, Palestine and Ukraine

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for Raquel Welty

Please pray for Theresa

Please pray for Fior

Praise Songs and Hymns

Come! Live in the light!

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain:

*We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more. *(Refrain)*

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;

to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shinning

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

*Shine, Jesus, shine;
fill this land with the Father's glory.*

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze;
set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow;
flood the nations with grace and mercy.*

*Send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. *(Refrain)*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. *(Refrain)*