

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—TRANSFIGURATION

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 3, 2008

10:00 AM

MINISTERS:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

PASTOR:

THE REV. JOHN DAVID HEECKT

MUSIC DIRECTOR:

JEAN EARLY

Please be respectful of those who wish to prepare for worship by refraining from loud discussions before the beginning of the service

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

The Church Bell Calls Us to Worship

Introit: *Christ the Lord Has Come*

(Hopkins/Price)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (*Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7*)

One: Get you up to a high mountain O Zion, herald of good tidings.

All: Life up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, fear not.

One: Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"

All: Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him.

One: Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

All: He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms, he will carry them, and gently lead those that are with young.

One: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

*Hymn: *As With Gladness Those of Old*

PH 159

*Unison Prayer:

Almighty God, who through his blessed transfiguration revealed your Son Jesus Christ as the redeemer of all Creation, so fill us with your Son's spirit that we might put aside every distraction and live as he lived, loving you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and spirit, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen

*The Lord's Prayer (*using "sins"*)

*The Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 O.T. Pg. 70 (L.P. Pg. 87)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 99 O.T. Pg. 552 (L.P. Pg. 678)

Second Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 N.T. Pg. 18 (L.P. Pg. 22)

Anthem: *Credo* (J. Marshall)

Time with the Children

*Hymn: *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* NCH 182

Sermon

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together* PH 288

Offering

Offertory: *I Will Bless the Lord* (C. Curtiss)

Doxology PH 515

Unison Prayer of Dedication:

Almighty God: Through the gift of your Son you have given us freedom from sin and the opportunity for a more abundant life in him. Receive now our gifts, we pray, and put them to your use, both in this congregation and beyond, for the support of your church, and to the honor of your holy Name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

(*All who are able, please stand.)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Table is open to all Christians who wish to know Christ and to share in the community of God's people. Deacons ask parents to reflect on Communion's meaning with their children.

The Confession

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us stand together and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***All:** Most merciful God; we confess that we are in bondage to sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of you holy Name. Amen.

***One:** Almighty God has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. May the peace of God be always with you.

***All:** And also with you.

Communion Prayer and Reception of the Bread and Cup

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn:** O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair (vs. 1, 4-5) NCH 184

Benediction

Choral Response: Twofold Amen

Postlude

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