

02/21/2021

Sunday: Transfiguration Sunday, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Mighty One speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Keep not your silence before us, O God, but let the heavens declare your righteousness.

“Gather to me my faithful ones, all you who have made a covenant with me.”

We offer you our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving as we call on your name.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

Morning by morning, you awaken us, O God; day by day you show us your wondrous love. The words of your commandments fall fresh upon our listening ears; we heed your wisdom and are renewed by your word. You surround us with countless acts that tell of your majesty; we are struck by your goodness as we are refreshed in your Spirit. Com, dwell among us, and through Christ let us praise you. You are the God we worship and adore. Amen.

HYMN: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (611)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. In Christ you bring light, yet we still dwell in darkness. Your word offers guidance, but we choose to ignore your counsel. You promise renewal, but we heed not your wisdom. We bow to the gods of this world, choosing to hide from your truth. Speak to us again from beyond the clouds of our sinfulness; dazzle us anew with the light of Christ’s love. Restore and forgive us.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news. God is light, and in God there is no darkness. “If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.” God is faithful and just, and in Jesus Christ forgives us our sin.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:2-9

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Our Inner Light

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Shine, Jesus, Shine (192)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(from "Confession of Belhar," 10.5)*

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Redeeming God, you hide not your radiance, neither hold back your word. You come to us in love, fresh as the morning. We are sustained by your mercy and renewed through your grace. You have sent us your Spirit to freshen our day. All that we are we owe to you. Accept our gifts and bless our endeavors, so that all we do may accord with your will. Amen.

HYMN: Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (193)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE