

* Hymn No. 581 “Glory Be to the Father” *Gloria Patri*
 * Hymn No. 190 “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” *Geneva*
 The Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (“...and forgive us our sins...”)
 Ritual of Friendship
 Moment for Mission 300th Anniversary Trivia Elder Joanna Kelly
 The Giving of Tithes and Offerings
 Offertory Anthem “This Glimpse of Glory” *White*
 * Doxology (Hymnal, #606)
 * Prayer of Dedication
 * Hymn No. 662 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *Ratisbon*
 * Charge and Benediction
 Choral Dismissal “Glory to God” *Berthier*
 Postlude

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Worship Notes:

Worship Assistant: Elder Reed Coats

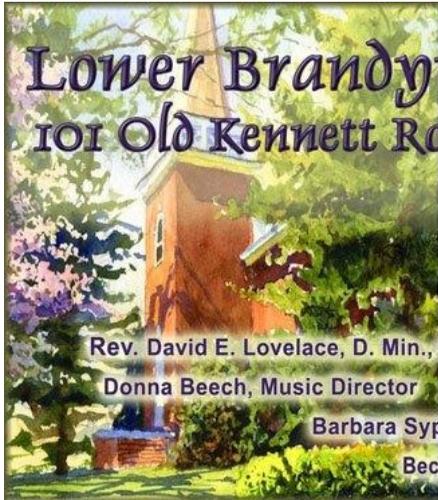
The flowers on the retable are dedicated to the Glory of God.

We welcome all who are worshiping with us this morning. Please sign the Friendship Register, pass it down your row, and return it to the center aisle so that you and your “pew neighbors” can greet each other by name. If you are visiting, please provide complete information so that we may acknowledge your presence with us.

If you provide an email address, we will send you our mid-week announcements and a copy of the pastor’s sermon. First-time visitors are encouraged to obtain a Visitor’s Bag from the table in the rear of the Sanctuary.

You may use the pew cards for comments or prayer requests, and place them in the offering plate. Please indicate whether prayer requests are to be limited to our Prayer Chain, or included in our Mid-Week Messenger – distributed to all members and friends.

After the service, please join us downstairs in the Social Hall for refreshments and conversation!



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February 23, 2020

Transfiguration of the Lord

The Gathering of God’s People

Leader: Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

People: **What we do know is this: When he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.**

Scripture Reading Psalm 2:7-9 O.T. p. 452

Personal Prayer:

***O God, in the transfiguration of your Son
 you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah;
 and – in the voice from the cloud –
 you foreshadowed our adoption as your children.
 Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.
 Amen.***

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 23, 2020

10:30 AM

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Introit

“As We Enter Thy Temple”

Artman

* Call To Worship *(Please stand and join responsively)*

Leader: The coming of a new day calls us to anticipate God’s dawn. The day of God’s dawning is like a morning star rising.

People: The light of God is like a devouring fire. God’s brightness is too intense for our gaze.

Leader: Come up to the mountain of God’s presence. Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.

People: We are eyewitnesses to God’s majesty. We have sensed God’s presence in the stories of Jesus.

Leader: Look up, and do not be afraid. Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before you.

People: We will serve our God with fear and trembling. Happy are those whose refuge is in God!

* Sharing the Peace of Christ (“May the peace of Christ be with you...”)

* Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn No. 189

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

Deo Gracias

Prayer of Confession *(The congregation uniting)*

God of dazzling splendor, we confess that we have lived in a cloud, hiding from your glory, and pretending not to notice the wonders of your majesty. The mystery of life eludes us, because we take for granted what seems commonplace, and refuse to deal with matters beyond our understanding. We have tried to put our religion in a compartment, separate from the rest of life, and we have not served you in our everyday encounters. Shake our complacency, we pray, and awaken us to life in all of its fullness.

Silent Prayer of Confession *(Please take time to be personal and specific. . .)*

Words of Assurance

Choral Response

“Holy Is the Name of God”

Berthier

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading

Psalm 99

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statues that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

First Reading

II Peter 1:13-21

N.T. pg. 209

Second Reading

Matthew 16:21 - 17:9

N.T. pg. 16

Anthem

“Go Up to the Mountain of God”

Helman

Parable Time

Sermon

“Sharenting the Transfiguration”

Pastor Lovelace

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from an earlier edition of the Book of Order

The Church confesses the Scriptures to be the Word of God written, witnessing to God’s self-revelation. Where that Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. The people also express the Word in response to the reading and proclamation of the Word through creeds and confessions. The Word confessed is always judged by the Living Word, Jesus Christ, attested in Scripture. The people’s participation in the proclamation of the Word is above all to discern Jesus Christ, to receive his offered grace, and to respond to his call with joyful obedience. To God be the glory! Amen.