

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 7, 2016

THEME: Jesus is transformed and he transforms us.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ON GOD

A WORD ABOUT OUR WORSHIP TODAY

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

BEING REAL WITH GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: As we gather to celebrate the love of our gracious God, it is good for us to acknowledge our sin, the ways in which we are out of sync with God's loving will.

Silent Reflection

P: We confess.....

C: We confess to you, Lord God, and to our brothers and sisters in Christ, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved when we have had the chance, we have done unloving and hurtful things. We admit that we like the times when our faith in you feels right and good, when it supports things going well.....but we so readily complain or back down when our faith challenges us to do that which is hard and sacrificial. Forgive us, Lord, and give us the courage of your Spirit to follow you when the way is hard.

P: God knows our hearts, also our fear of following Christ when it means making tough choices and real sacrifice. God has been in our shoes, he understands us, and he is more than ready to forgive us. And so by the command of our Lord Jesus and his authority, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 78 vs. 1 and 4 *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim "My God how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We pray.....

C: Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the valleys and turmoil of our world, to behold our Lord in his glory; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEARING FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 3:19-27 *Daniel perseveres while living in exile*

Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them.

YOUTH SONG

Standing in the Need of Prayer

*It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer,
It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.*

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer,
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.

*It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer,
It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.*

Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.....(repeat)
Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.....(repeat)

*It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer,
It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.*

Not my preacher, not my teacher, but it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.....(repeat)
Not my preacher, not my teacher, but it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.....(repeat)

*It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer,
It's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.*

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

On the mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus only is left standing as the clouds disappear

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "Green Book" 165 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy' there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

SERMON

"Jesus and Our Transformation"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING (We give our offerings as a sign of our lives offered to God.)

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Green Book" 518

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

"Red Book" 126

Let us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us bow 'round the altar on our knees;
Let us bow 'round the altar on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

A CLOSING BLESSING

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**