



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

February 27, 2022
11:00am
Transfiguration of the Lord

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Piano Sonata in F major, K 332. 2. Adagio

W. A. Mozart

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92, selected verses

Bryan Williamson, Liturgist

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord, to sing praises to you, O God Most High.

To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;

At the work of your hands I sing for joy!

*HYMN #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

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, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude.

Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy.

Too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love.

Let us confess that which separates us from God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You have invited us into new life, yet we have closed our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation, preferring our own routines and agendas. You have shown us the way to love, yet often we have chosen the path of uncaring. You have called us to a ministry of reconciliation, yet often we find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You have challenged us to generosity, but many times we would rather keep to ourselves. Enter our lives, God, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, so that we might share that love with others. Help us to see ourselves both as we are and as we might become. Hear now our silent individual confessions.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Friends, the God who judges us has been made known in Jesus Christ, who died for our sake.

The good news of the gospel is this: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.

We are held with love in God's hands. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS #441 Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

We Listen to God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9: 28-36

SERMON

Luminosity

Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

We Respond to God's Word

ANTHEM

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

THE OFFERING

Offertory

Offertory Music

Four Dirges 2. Andante

Bela Bartok

*Hymn of Dedication #606

"Doxology"

*Prayer of Dedication

God of mountaintops and valleys, whether our vision of you is clouded or brilliantly clear, we commit our lives and these gifts to the work of your kingdom on earth. Increase them and transform them into abundant goodness, that they might proclaim your presence in the world. Amen.

We Are Sent in God's Name

*HYMN #190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice, the dazzling light; Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone command the height! Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.

Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines, and recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs, till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill and our living and our dying and our rising by your will.

* CHARGE & BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

May the Love of the Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

POSTLUDE

From "For Children" Book 1: 21. Vigoroso

Bela Bartok

*You are invited to stand.

Worship Leadership Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Bryan Williamson, Liturgist
Peggy Vaughan, Music Director John Holter, piano Chancel Choir Ushers: Richard and Janet Johnson
Audio / video: John Daugherty, Christopher Dennis Worship Ministry Team Chair, Joanne Lang

The Session discussed our policy regarding Covid 19. Currently, we are mandating that masks be worn during worship. Because of the rise of a new variant and the infection rate, while down, continues to be high, and in an abundance of caution, the Session voted to maintain this mask mandate. We continue to monitor the situation and the Session is diligent in putting the safety of our congregation first.