



Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 2014

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Great God of dazzling beauty
and overshadowing majesty,
in Jesus Christ, your beloved,
we glimpse the image of your glory.
Teach us to listen to him
so that we may hear your voice
and follow your holy way;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Percy Whitlock

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The glory of God shines
like a consuming fire.

**We have seen the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

The voice of God thunders
like a mighty storm.

**Out of the cloud, God speaks:
This is my beloved Son; listen to him!**

*SONG OF PRAISE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**God of all glory, beauty, and grace,
we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—
yet you have never hidden your love for us.
We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—
yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ.
Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine
with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Page No. 1005

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 9:2-9

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I've Got Peace Like a River
Children's Choir

MESSAGE

God Still Shining Light

Rev. Scott White

*SONG OF FAITH

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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UNSER HERRSCHER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What does it mean that Jesus Christ is the image of God?

**Despite our turning from God, God did not turn from us,
but instead sent Jesus Christ in the fullness of time
to restore our broken humanity.**

**Jesus lived completely for God, by giving himself completely for us,
even to the point of dying for us.**

**By living so completely for others, he manifested what he was—
the perfect image of God.**

**When by grace we are conformed to him through faith,
our humanity is renewed**

according to the divine image that we lost.

*Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism,
Question 21*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Heavenly Sunlight

Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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DEDICATION PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG

Guide My Feet

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*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

Toccata for a Joyful Day

Emma Lou Diemer

*Those who are able may stand.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for February 22: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15.

The Urban Mission item of the month for February is **crackers**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

Ushers for today's service are Paul and Erica Phelps.

We welcome the **Rev. Scott White** into our pulpit today. Rev. White is a candidate for pastor at one of the churches in our presbytery. We also welcome members of the Pastor Nominating Committee as they worship with us this morning.

Please join us for an **Ash Wednesday** service at 7:00 P.M. on February 18.

The Deacons will host a luncheon **in memory of Barbara Robinson** at noon on Friday, February 27. Everyone is invited.

The OU Episcopal Association will be celebrating the **feast day of Absalom Jones**, the first African American to be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church, on February 15 at 5:00 P.M. All are welcome to attend the service at St. Anselm of Canterbury, 800 Elm Ave., and dinner will be provided afterwards. Any other questions contact Samuel McCann at (956) 998-8950.

Pastor Tracy will lead a **Lenten Study** at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday nights, beginning February 22. We will be studying Henri Nouwen's *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*. This beautiful book takes the story of the Prodigal and studies it through the image of Rembrandt's painting in his depiction of the familiar parable. There is a sign-up sheet on the pastor's office door for ordering the book. Paperback copies are \$10; e-book and audio versions are also available. Please invite your friends to join us, too.

Today's **offertory** is an arrangement of an old (1899) gospel song that may or may not be familiar to you. These are the words to the refrain:

*Heavenly sunlight, heavenly sunlight,
Flooding my soul with glory divine;
Hallelujah, I am rejoicing,
Singing His praises, Jesus is mine.*

As part of the **ecumenical prayer cycle**, we ask you to pray for a particular region of the world each week. This week we pray for Italy, Malta, Portugal, and Spain. We give thanks for faithful Christians who have nourished and renewed the long tradition of Christianity in these countries; for the Catacombs and all the other monuments where the history of early Christianity inspires a renewed faith; for pilgrims who try to find a deeper faith and a healing of the spirit; for those who welcome and care for migrants and refugees; and for Michelangelo, de Vinci, Titian, Velazquez and all who used their art to proclaim the gospel. We pray for the Vatican, and all who hold positions of power in the Roman Catholic Church; for an end to terrorism and violence; for wisdom and guidance in dealing with immigration issues; for the victims of human trafficking; for the unemployed; and for a renewal of the spirit of the church, amid an increasingly secular and materialistic society.

SUNDAY

February 15

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 4:30 P.M. – Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Meeting

TUESDAY

February 17

- 7:00 P.M. – Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY

February 18

- 3:15 P.M. – Kids' Club
- 5:00 P.M. – Children's Choir
- 7:00 P.M. – Ash Wednesday Service
- Chancel Choir will meet after the service

THURSDAY

February 19

- 10:30 A.M. – Bible Study in Library

SUNDAY

February 22

- 9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
- 10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
- 10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
- 5:00 P.M. – M.Y. Group
- 7:00 P.M. – Lenten Study in Parlor