

A Service for the Lord's Day February 14, 2021 ~ 10:00 am Transfiguration of the Lord

Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.

Prayer for the Day

On its outer surface, time is vulnerable to transience.
Regardless of its sadness or beauty, each day empties and vanishes. In its deeper heart, time is transfiguration. Time minds possibility and makes sure that nothing is lost or forgotten. That which seems to pass away on the surface of time is in fact transfigured and housed in the tabernacle of memory.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Sheri Fry

Call to Worship Liturgist Sara Love Tyburczy

Leader: We have come into this place of hope where our hearts and minds are opened to the future.

All: We have come into this place of justice where we set aside our fear to name freely every oppression. We have come into this place of song where we unite our voices in the somber and the beautiful melodies of life.

Leader: Let us celebrate this richness and diversity of life. Through us god comes to unique and personal expression. Let us give thanks for the abundance of life on this earth. Through it we and all people may be nourished.

Lighting of the Christ Candle (unison)

Sara Love Tyburczy

In the mystery of life about us there is light. It gives us a place to be, to grow, to rejoice together. It opens the pathways to love.

Let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will, inviting the day to come.

Hymn 192 Shine, Jesus, Shine (next page)

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Rev. Sheri Fry

O Lord, on this Sunday of Transfiguration, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these old, old words...that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and serving one another.

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Lesson for the Day Mark 9:2-9

Sermon Decoding the Cloud Rev. Sheri Fry

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

(Part 2 The Sarasota Statement)

Sara Love Tyburczy

To the people we dehumanize and dismiss on the basis of political and ideological differences, and those who suffer at the hands of our idolatry: We trust in Jesus Christ, the Servant-Lord of all, whose ministry liberates the oppressed, welcomes the outcast, and upends systems of death-dealing power. Through humility and sacrifice Jesus brings life to all and commissions his followers to do the same. We grieve that the Church conflates Jesus' message with political platforms and looks to partisan ideologies to affirm its ethics and actions. We grieve that our political ideologies deceive and distract us from the demands of a lived faith: to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. We commit to pray for our leaders to support and enact policies that further God's redeeming justice throughout the world. In fidelity to God alone, we share in Christ's love for all people and nations denying and denouncing nationalism and allegiances that compromise this love. Amen

Anthem

Swing Low

African-American Spiritual
Sara Love Tyburczy

Prayer and The 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.

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts

Hymn 22 God of the Sparrow

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Charge and Benediction

Sung Benediction 702

Christ Be Beside Us

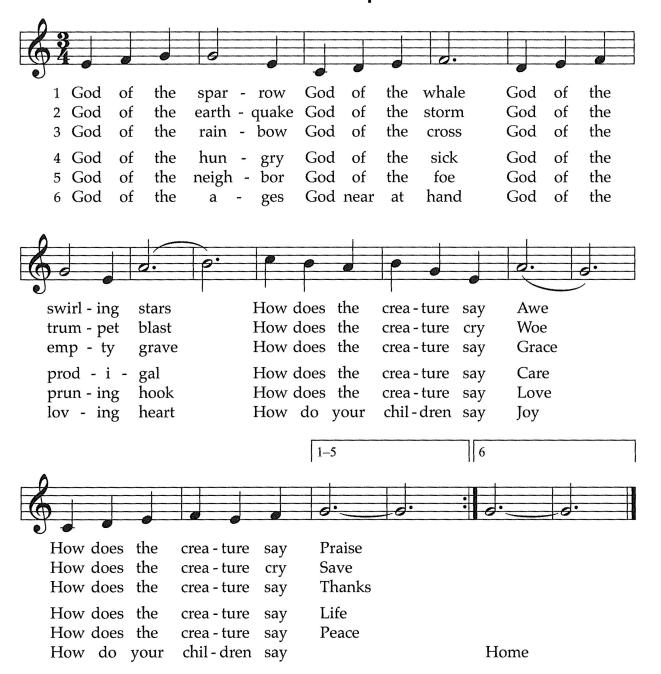
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God of the Sparrow



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