

United Presbyterian Church
Transfiguration Sunday
February 14, 2021
11:00am

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Thanks for worshipping with us. Whether you are with us from the pew or with us via your computer screen, we are so glad you're here. Remember, worship is about God and we focus our eyes and hearts on the One who is before all things. At the same time, we know that when we gather, we receive gracious gifts and experience the love of Christ as one church.

To prepare for worship, read the Words of Preparation; read and reflect upon the Scripture passage for today. Be intentional about connecting with God in your worship.

Words for Preparation

Living Word and shining Sun of God, in your presence we see the face of holiness. Overshadow us with your power and grace, so that we may keep your commandments and speak your truth with courage and love; all for the dazzling glory of your holy name. Amen.

Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Prelude

Christe Sanctorum

J. Bert Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Blessed is the Lord our God,
who revealed the law to Moses.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God,
who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God,
who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

Now we have seen the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (PH)

Call to Confession

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

(Period of silence for personal confession)

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Prayers of People and 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 and ever.

Amen.

Special Music

Sarabande

Bach/Godowsky

Prayer for Illumination

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12 (New Revised Standard Version)

2:1 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2:2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

2:3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

2:4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

2:5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

2:6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

2:7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

2:8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

2:9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

2:10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

2:11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

2:12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Mark 9:2-9 (New Revised Standard Version)

9:2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,

9:3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

9:4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

9:5 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

9:6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

9:7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

9:8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9:9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Candice Womack

Affirmation of Faith

In the gospel God declares his love for the world and his desire that all people should be saved; reveals fully and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy; and by his Spirit accompanying the Word pleads with all people to accept his gracious invitation. Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace, faith comes by the hearing of the Word of God; Christ has commissioned his church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. (Westminster Confession, 6.056, 6.058)

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

The Lord is indeed good, for God has blessed us richly. Let us offer back a portion, in gratitude and love.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Deo Gracias

Stephen Gabrielsen

(Please use this time for silent prayer and reflection as you consider ways to offer your life, your gifts, time, and commitment to God. You may give online at upctx.org/giving)

Prayer of Dedication

Holy are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name. Use us, and these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteousness, and equity, all for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal kingdom. Amen.

Hymn

“Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining”

Choral Benediction

“Go Now In Peace”

Benediction

Postlude

Love Divine

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Disciples: All Who Trust in Jesus Christ
 Ministers: All Members of the Congregation
 Pastor: Rev. Candice Richey Womack
 Liturgist: John Hill
 Safety Team Members:
 Family Ministries Coordinator: Heather Lind
 Administrative Assistant: Pat De Mayo
 Nursery Attendants: Martha Hill, J. R. Hill
 Guest Organist/Accompanist: Ethan Gainer

THE SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Candice Richey Womack
 Session Clerk: Ray Lancaster
 Elder on Call: Ray Lancaster

MONDAY February 15	TUESDAY February 16	WEDNESDAY February 17	THURSDAY February 18	FRIDAY February 19	SATURDAY February 20	SUNDAY February 21
6 pm PW Study 6pm Called Session Meeting on Zoom		Ash Wednesday: Online Service will be available	8:00 am Bread Ministry 4:30 p.m. Yoga		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship