



Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 2015

Meditation before Worship

But this isn't a story about our going up, it's a story about Jesus coming down, all the way down into our brokenness, fear, disappointment, and loss. And, of course, it only gets more so, as we will soon watch our Lord travel to the cross, there embracing all that is hard, difficult, and even despicable in life in order to wrest victory from death itself that we might live in hope knowing that wherever we may go, Christ has already been and that where Christ is now we will one day be.¹

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Gathering the Community

PRELUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

WELCOME (Call to the Annual Meeting)

Dr. Melrose

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT HYMN # 322 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Craig McLean

The Lord shines forth in glory. Our Lord, the God of all has spoken.

God will come and not keep silent: the heavens reveal the glory of the Lord.

God calls heaven and earth to bear witness, to testify that the covenant has been sealed.

Let the heavens declare God's justice, and let the people give honor to the Lord.

*HYMN # 150 (PH)

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

COMMUNITY PRAYER OF CONFESSION² (read in unison)

Craig McLean

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.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE IN SONG # 574 (PH)

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Melrose

*RESPONSE IN SONG

***Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
We on earth are all thy children, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.***

*SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of the Living Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 2: 1 - 12
(p.317 in pew Bibles)

Craig McLean

God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God**

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dr. Melrose

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Ray Staroscik

SECOND GOSPEL READING

Mark 9: 2 - 9
(pp.41-42 in pew Bibles)

God's Word for us. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

"A Vision For The Road Ahead "

Dr. Sue Ellis Melrose

WE RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Brief Affirmation of Faith* (PCUSA)²

Craig McLean

In life and in 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.

*HYMN # 106 (PH)

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks " (V.4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERING OF THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*ALLELUIA DOXOLOGY

Tune: Lasst Uns Erfuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Craig McLean

*HYMN # 451 (PH)

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

PRESENTATION OF THE ASHES AND BURYING THE "ALLELUIA"

I heard a great voice of many people in heaven saying, Alleluia: Salvation and glory and honor and power be to the Lord our God. And again they said, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Christ does reign! Christ is clothed with majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

There is a time to laugh and a time to weep. A time to dance and a time to mourn. As we enter the season of Lent, bring forth acts that are suitable signs of repentance. Remember that the sacrifices of God are a humble spirit. It is a humble and contrite heart that God does not despise.

PRESENTATION OF THE ASHES

Until the day when Christ's resurrection is celebrated with joy and gladness, we commit our joyful ALLELUIA to God who gave it.

Let us pray (*in unison*)

O God, look with favor on your people gathered here. We know that we have sinned and deserve your punishment, yet we look to you for mercy. Spare us, as you have spared your people in the past. During Lent, help us to reorder our lives so that others can see your presence. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ray Staroscik
Organist

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**Please stand, if able*

¹ David Lose, *Working Preacher: He Came Down*. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/craft.aspx?post=1563>

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We are delighted that you are here!

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- * Visit the information and display tables in the narthex.
- * Large print bulletins and hymnals are available.
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Prayer List for the month of February 2015

Pete/Margie, Don/Lois Bardwell, Lynne Bieniek, Derek/Maxine Bloodworth, Bettie Burton, Lorraine/Harrison Coleman family, Jason Drakeford, Bobbie Edwards/family, the Euchre's family, FSPC, Fuller family, Hertha Gast, Grosscup family, Shannon Howard, Geraldine Adams Jones, Valerie Kimbrough, Lemus family, Lorimer family, Karen Marcil, Dana Marshall/family, Marcia Millhench/ family, Leigh Mosley, Cheryl Myers, Jerry Naragon, Claudia Novitzsky, Derrick Parker/family, Margaret Parker, Kathy Payne/family, Richard Petrie, Easter Ponder, Jennie/David Poole, Robinson family, Richard/Suellen Sale family, Joan Szwed family, Cathy Topping.

Prayers for Military loved ones.

CPL Christopher Whittaker-Bonner USMC, Lt. Harrison L Coleman USN, Jonathan Heyler USN, SSGT Shanell Howard USAF, Sgt. Christopher King, Maj. Michael Kurtti, USAF, Lt. Theo Moran USAF, Alta Morrison, Lt. Jon Palmer USA, Lt. Marty Palmer USA, Charles Andrew Parsons II USN, Major Michelle Ruehl AF, Capt. Katy Spicker Hess, USMC, Alexander Szelestey, USMC, Lt. Mark Webster.