

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for the Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *Transfiguration* - Paul Taylor

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Walking With the Savior* - Richard Blake

Introit: *Oh Wondrous Type! Oh Vision Fair* arr. Scholz

Call to Worship

It is God who gathers us here. It is not our denomination that gathers us,
or our church staff or family, or our political parties.

It is God who gathers us here.

We find ourselves on the mountain this Transfiguration Day,

witnessing a last flash of glory before a forty-day journey.

It is not about us;

it is all about Jesus Christ.

From the river Jordan to this place,

it is all about Jesus Christ.

From Ash Wednesday toward Easter,

it is all about Jesus Christ. Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, thank you for the invitation to immerse ourselves in the stories of our faith. Today we watch with Peter, James, and John as you shine before us. We see your garments glisten intensely. We are just as frightened and confused as the disciples were, not because we do not believe, but because we trust what is to come. We give you thanks for the reminder that in Jesus we are not alone, a truth that never changes. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus was surrounded by the prophets of the past and disciples to follow him into the future. Help us to recognize the great cloud of witnesses that went before us, to answer the call to be your disciples here and now, and to listen for the new prophets among us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn #409: *God is Here!* vs. 1, 3, 4 (please stand)

Call to Confession

Standing in the light of Christ, we see the shadows hidden in our hearts.

**Let us tell the truth about ourselves, trusting in God's grace,
that we might receive mercy and be renewed.**

Prayer of Confession

Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen

Declaration of Pardon

Children of God, hear the good news:

We are forgiven, again and again, by this glorious God.

What a wonder! **Alleluia!**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Glory Be to the Father #581: *(please stand)*

Anthem: *Christus Paradox* *Dunstan/Fedak*

Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Worship leader will lead the prayers. God of Grace. **Receive our prayer.**

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. *(brief silence)*

We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space.

God of grace. **Receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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

Hymn #190: *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

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. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1 - 12

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3 - 6

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2 – 9

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of the Lord is forever.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Listen Up!* Jonathan Kimball

Prayer for Listening and Speaking – First Presbyterian, Rolla (stand)

In all the relationships of our church life, community life, and personal life may we follow the teachings of Jesus. May we endeavor to speak the truth in love and be guided by scripture in our thoughts, decisions, and actions. May we respect and listen deeply to one another, keep confidences, and avoid gossip and triangulation. May we pray for and with one another, building each other up, realizing every soul is precious to God. Amen.

Dedication of Tithes, and Offerings (please stand)

Offertory Hymn #694: *Great God of Every Blessing* vs. 1 and 3

Prayer of Dedication:

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as a people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Sending Hymn #377: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* vs. 1 and 3 (stand)

Benediction: (remain standing)

We want to see the brightness of God. We want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on our path. Show us the way to the Father,
that He may illumine our lives and make us a light for others.
Share the Light!

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: *Love Lifted Me* - Ruth Elaine Schram

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Worship led by Ming Leu and sermon provided by Jonathan Kimball.*

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