

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Sometimes you have to refuse to turn back in order to receive God's blessings. Sometimes you have to give from a position of faith in order to see the fruit of faith spring forth. In our living and in our giving, let us follow the example of those who followed faithfully until the very end.

The Offertory Music (8:30) "Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. by Anna Laura Page
Jorie Ronschke

(11:00) "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" arr. Mallory
Aldersgate Handbell Choir directed by Ellen Wilson

*The Presentation Music "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn #94

*The Prayer of Dedication (*In Unison*)

Light of Light, when we grow accustomed to dwelling in the shadows and painting with drab colors, you bless us with your radiance and the vitality of your love. Illumine these gifts, Holy One, that the world may see your light shining through our offering. Illumine our very lives, O God, that we may remain restless until we shine like Christ upon the mountain, until we follow Elisha's footsteps and behold your glory. Amen.

*HYMN OF BENEDICTION "Shine, Jesus, Shine" The Faith We Sing #2173

*THE BENEDICTION

Leader: Go forth with the courage to climb the mountain of God.

People: We will walk in the light and truth of Christ.

Leader: Go forth with ears to hear the voice of God.

People: We will hear the call to follow Jesus.

Leader: Go forth to live as people who shine with Christ's glory.

People: We will leave footprints of light as we walk.

Leader: Go forth in expectation and hope, for God goes with you.

THE POSTLUDE "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" with "He is Exalted" arr. by Carol Tornquist

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Mary Welch (8:30); Nola Gentry (11:00) Organist/Pianist: Lisa Johnson Mott/Jorie Ronschke Audio Techs: Bob Nicholson, David Caddy, Katie Wereley-Bross, John Davis, Jonathan Heinz PowerPoint: Stu Kline, Brian Martin & Bob Nicholson Video Techs: Neil McTavish/Tom Creswell



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Craig LaSuer/Rev. Dr. Glen Robyne

Whoever you are and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. Please sign the attendance pad and include your best contact information, if we don't already have it. This is especially important for our guests so that we can appropriately take note of your presence today.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

As we seek to build up this congregation as the Body of Christ, we want to remind you that the season of Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14th, with Ash Wednesday. There are two opportunities for worship, a mid-day service from 12:15 - 12:45 pm in the CLC (sanctuary) and an evening service from 6 - 6:30 pm in the Activity Center. A simple meal beginning at 5pm will be offered before the evening service. Please see the bulletin for more details on this and all the ministries of our church.

CENTERING WORDS

Transfiguration Sunday, a day we celebrate the revelation of Christ's glory as revealed upon the holy mountain. Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory.

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES "Capriccio No. 2 (Rejoice and Be Glad)"

Choir directed by Ellen Wilson Helman Aldersgate Handbell

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Liturgist

(Please stand in body or spirit)

Leader: The glory of God is too great for you to bear.

People: We are not afraid. We will not turn back.

Leader: The mystery of God runs too deep for you to fathom.

People: We are not deterred. We will not turn back.

Leader: The fiery chariot of Elijah is not for mortal sight to see.

People: We are blessed with the eyes of faith. We will not turn back.

Leader: Come then, and worship our God, who took Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind.

People: We will worship the Lord, who transfigured Moses, Elijah, and Jesus to shine like the sun.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Hymn #173

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Share signs of peace with one another, and behold the light of Christ shining in everyone you greet.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Liturgist

(11:00) CHILDREN'S MESSAGE IN MUSIC

"Hyfrydol"

Prichard/arr. MacGorman.

Celebration Chimes directed by Heidi Fornes and Kathy Lind

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shari Bittles, Director of Children/MidKids Ministry

(11:00-Children age 2 through 4th grades may now leave from the service for Worship Express.)

PRAYER HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

Hymn #451

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

The Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

(8:30) "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"

arr. Mallory

Aldersgate Handbell Choir directed by Ellen Wilson

(11:00)

"Shine Like the Stars"

Pethel

Chancel Choir directed by Ellen Wilson, accompanied by Jorie Ronschke

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 6: 9-13

Liturgist

(Please stand in body or spirit)

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us;

All: Thanks be to God

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

"Searching For the Kingdom?"

Rev. Denny Frank

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