

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

February 18, 2007

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

Psalm 99

God reigns; let the peoples tremble!
God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake!
**We will extol you, O God, and worship at your holy mountain;
for you our God are holy!
Let us worship God!**

The Prayer of Adoration

Great are your works, O Holy One, and greatly to be praised. Not a day passes without our sensing your presence. You appeared in Jesus, removing the veil from your countenance. You spoke through Christ, that we might know your will. From now on, we shall behold your glory as your Spirit leads us. Blessed Trinity, we praise your name. Amen.

*The Hymn 376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*The Prayer of Confession

God of all beauty and majesty, 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...(time for silent confession)...

*The Assurance of Pardon

In God's gracious mercy, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen.

*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: *Exodus 34:29-35*

p. 101 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalm 99*

p. 678 in the pew Bible

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2*

p. 219 in the pew Bible

The Anthem
A Moment with the Children

“Beautiful Savior”

Donald Moore, arr.

*The Hymn 73

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

The Gospel Lesson: *Luke 9:28-36*

p. 85 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

“Blinding Glory”
Patrick Dennis

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD. . .

*The Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5-11

**Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

The Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession
The Lord’s Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering
The Gathering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology, p. 592 in the Hymnal

God of light and love, we offer ourselves with our gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited vision to embrace new possibilities. We rededicate our lives to your call. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. In the Spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Amen.

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME.

*The Hymn 417

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

*The Charge & Benediction

*The Postlude