



Nassau Presbyterian Church

February 14, 2021 11:00 AM

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



Gathering

God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin,
and celebrate our adoption as forgiven children.

Prelude Prelude on "Deo Gracias" Healey Willan

Introit Come into God's Presence Anonymous

Call to Worship Psalm 50 : 1-2

The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting,
**Out of Zion, the perfection of the beauty,
God shines forth.**
Come, people of God, let us worship the God who summons us.

Opening Hymn O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair Red Hymnal 189

Prayer of Confession

For failing to love others as you have loved us . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us
and ignoring those in need . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you . . .
God of grace, **forgive us.**

We offer our prayers in the name
of the One who saves. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

Jesus Loves Children

Mark 10 : 13–16



Proclaiming the Word

We encounter the Word in speech and song
as we interpret and expound scripture.

Prayer for Illumination

**Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God,
and prepare our hearts to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Mark 9 : 2–9

NRSV

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, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. 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.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

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.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 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. 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.”

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. 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.”

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

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.” 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.” 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. 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.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

When the company of prophets who were at Jericho saw him at a distance, they declared, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” They came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.



Thanksgiving

We respond by presenting our offerings, setting the table,
lifting prayers, and praising the triune God.

Sermon Hymn

Take Us As We Are, O God

Red Hymnal 312

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.
 Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.
 I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home?
 A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home.
 Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.
 Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 608

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer



Sending

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with
God's blessing to lives of service and love.

Benediction

Postlude

We All Believe in One God
(BWV 680)

J.S. Bach

Tending the Flock

Death—Ramani Pulimood, mother of Mani Pulimood,
mother-in-law of Monisha, grandmother of Nikhil and
Philip, on February 7, 2021 in Vellore, India

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

VanLaningham Family

Lauren McFeaters

Time with Children

Heather Riehl

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