

The glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain.

Exodus 24:17

Worship at God's holy mountain. **Psalms 99:9**

We were with him on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:18

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. **Matthew 17:5**

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To Our Guests

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor's card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit 291, v. 1-2

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Proclamation

In life and 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, whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Transfiguration

From the water of the stream of Life

In God's loving wisdom--

a creation unfolds

before me

in me.

***+Hymn 291, v. 3-4**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Prayer for Transforming Spirit

I love Jesus, who said to us:

heaven and earth will pass away.

When heaven and earth have passed away,

my word will still remain.

What was your word, Jesus? Love? Forgiveness? Affection?

All your words were one word: Wakeup.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

****+Hallelujah 591, refrain (2)**

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Blessing the Nations

Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

+Response 486, v. 1-2

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

First Pew

+Response 486, v. 3-4

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

"The Mistake of Making Something of It"

***+Hymn 450**

"Be Thou My Vision"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Prayer for Others

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Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Christ Upon the Mountain Stands"

Robert Lehman

***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

***+Sending 853 v. 1, 2**

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

***Postlude**

Conscience is the voice of the soul; the passions are the voice of the body.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

In matters of conscience, the law of majority has no place. **Mahatma Gandhi**

I took note of the Buddha's teaching that in one sense a supposed enemy is more valuable than a friend, for an enemy teaches you things, such as forbearance, that a friend generally does not.

Dalai Lama

There are three signs of a knowledgeable person: knowledge, forbearance and silence.

Ali Ibn Abi Talib

**Please rise in body and spirit.*

Prayer for Wholeness

Antonio Machado

Lesson Translation

New Revised

Standard Version

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Sunday, February 19 • Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar - Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship - Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1
- 12:15 p.m. Palms to Ashes Ceremony - SPC front steps - All invited!
- 12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering - Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 20

- 6:30 p.m. Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (EPYA) - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 21

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study with Harry Daniel - Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Wednesday, February 22

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

Friday, February 24

- 12:00 p.m. Gathering Space for Prayer - via Zoom

Saturday, February 25

- 1:00 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 26 • First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship - Sanctuary
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MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit and Opening Hymn is a late 20th Century reflection on the Holy Spirit. The Kyrie is a traditional liturgical text. The Hallelujah is a traditional liturgical text set to a Caribbean melody. The Response to Blessing the World and First Pew is a late 20th Century “song of encouragement.” The Sermon Hymn is an Irish poem set to an Irish ballad. The Sending is a late 20th Century Zulu/Xhosa freedom song, originating in a Methodist young men’s group in South Africa.

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Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Dazzling

Believe me, I know how tempting it is
to remain inside this blessing, to linger
where everything is dazzling and clear.

We could build walls around this,
put a roof over it.
We could bring in a table, some chairs
and have the most amazing meals.
We could make a home.
We could stay.

Jan Richardson

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