

# **TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Order of Worship for February 14, 2021

Transfiguration Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

Great is the Lord—  
exalted among the nations.  
Mighty is the Lord—  
King of heaven and earth.  
Holy is the Lord—  
beyond our understanding.  
Let us worship our God and King!

Anthem

Call to Confession

When we gather to praise God,  
we remember that we are people  
who have preferred our wills to his.  
Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ,  
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess that we do not expect and long for  
the transforming power of your love  
to work miracles in these hard hearts of ours.  
Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle,  
to relieve us of the responsibilities and the challenges you set  
before us.**

**Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power  
and in the power of love to change our lives,  
and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons  
Christ calls us to be. Amen.**

Silent Confession

***(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession .)***

Assurance of Pardon

Now the Lord is the Spirit,  
and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
And all of us, with unveiled faces,  
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,  
are being transformed into the same image  
from one degree of glory to another,  
for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed!  
Praise be to God!  
—based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, NRSV

Our Response      **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

**My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine:  
now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine.**

**May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,**

**O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire.**

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

\*Hymn **Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory**

**Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,  
Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;  
Moses and Elijah vanish;  
Christ alone commands the height!  
Peter, James, and John fall silent,  
Turning from the summit's rise  
Downward toward the shadowed valley  
Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.**

**Glimpsed and gone the revelation,  
They shall gain and keep its truth,  
Not by building on the mountain  
Any shrine or sacred booth,  
But by following the Savior  
Through the valley to the cross  
And by testing faith's resilience  
Through betrayal, pain, and loss.**

**Lord, transfigure our perception  
With the purest light that shines,  
And recast our life's intentions  
To the shape of Your designs,  
Till we seek no other glory  
Than what lies past Calvary's hill  
And our living and our dying  
And our rising by Your will.**

## Scripture Lesson

## Kings 2:1-12

2:1 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

2:2 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.

2:3 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."

2:4 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.

2:5 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."

2:6 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.

2:7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

2:8 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.

2:9 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."

2:10 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."

2:11 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.

2:12 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.

## Scripture Lesson

**Mark 9:2-9**

9:2 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,

9:3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

9:4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

9:5 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."

9:6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

9:7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

9:8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9:9 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.

Sermon –

**On Those Mountains**

**Rev. Jennifer A. Baer**

\*Hymn **Lord, You Give The Great Commission**

**Lord, You give the great commission:**

**‘Heal the sick and preach the word.’**

**Lest the Church neglect its mission,**

**And the Gospel go unheard,**

**Help us witness to Your purpose**

**With renewed integrity;**

**With the Spirit’s gifts empower us**

**For the work of ministry.**

**Lord, You call us to your service:**

**“In my name baptize and teach.”**

**That the world may trust your promise,**

**Life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us  
Closer in community;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This My body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
Daily lift life heavenward,  
Asking that the world around us  
Share your children's liberty;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.**

**Lord, You show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
All that you so freely give.  
May Your care and mercy lead us  
To a just society;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.**

**Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
May we serve as you intend  
And, amid the cares that claim us,  
Hold in mind eternity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us  
For the work of ministry.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

\*Doxology (Hymn 592)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

\*Sending Forth and Benediction

\*Choral Response **Blest Be The Tie that Binds**

**Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.**

Postlude

\*\*\*\*\*

Liturgist: Michael Williams

Soloist: Jessica Starcher

Head Deacons: Tracey Chappell and Al Brown

Pastor: Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

.....