



Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice
in the warmth of God's love and light by
teaching the holy word,
serving Christ's community, and
growing together in faith.



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February 11, 2024
Transfiguration of the Lord

The Service for the Lord's Day

Transfiguration of the Lord
Sharing Our Anti-Racism Stories

February 11, 2024

9:30 am

Prelude

Prelude in D Minor

C. V. Stanford

Call to Worship

One: God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.

One: God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

All: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer, and the judge.

*Hymn

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

No. 193

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Forgive us for forgetting that every person — no matter their size, shape, or color — is made in the image of God. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: "Stand up, take your mat and walk." Jesus says to the crippled man he has healed.

All: We too are healed.

One: Transformed by Christ's redemption, let us get up and walk together.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

(Please check first with those you approach)

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

*Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message.
After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.*

Prayer for Illumination

Ceil Hopkins

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 50: 1-6 (page 451)

Anthem

Become
Memorial Ringers

Matthew Compton

Gospel Reading

Mark 9: 2-9 (page 820)

Sermon

Sharing Our Anti-Racism Stories
Ceil Hopkins, Marion Laban, Kathy Knight, Rob Sheneman

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

(from the Confession of 1967)

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

Anthem

It is Well With My Soul

John Ness Beck

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well with my soul. My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more: praise the Lord, O my soul! And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll: the trumpet shall sound the Lord shall descend, "even so, it is well with my soul! It is well with my soul.

Offering

We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at www.flemingtonpres.org, or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, on the mountain top you instructed Peter, James, and John: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" We are listening, God, and we hear your call to make the world a better place for all people alongside your Holy Spirit. We offer you these gifts and our hearts alongside them. May they be blessed to do your bidding. Amen.

*Doxology

No. 607

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

No. 729

*Charge and Benediction

Response

A Blessing of Grace

Mark Patterson

May God be gracious unto you and bless you. May God's face shine down upon you.

May God give you grace, may God give you peace, may God's love go with you forever.

May God be gracious unto you. Amen.

Postlude

Postludio

George Blake

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