

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service for Worship at Home – February 14, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
Year B

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Opening Prayer*

Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, that we may stand in the light of your glory, listen for your word, and respond with worship on our lips, and in our hands and feet. Amen.

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Call to Worship

Psalm 50:1-6

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Our God comes and does not keep silence.

The LORD calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may judge his people.

The heavens declare his righteousness, for it is God who brings justice.

Hymn

Calvin Virtual Choir

As the Deer / I Love You Lord
Glory to God Hymnal, #626 & 627

Confession*

2 Corinthians 4:5

“For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as...servants for Jesus’ sake.”

Merciful God, we long to see your glory. Yet we hesitate to follow where you lead. We confess our desire to contain you – your righteousness, your justice, and your grace. Yours is the way that leads through the valleys to the cross, yet we prefer the mountaintops.

Lord, we have not loved you, and we have not loved our neighbor. We have neglected the poor, forgotten the stranger, ignored the oppressed, and walked past the hurting. And we have participated in their plight. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the courage of repentance, so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(personal confession)

Assurance and Peace

2 Corinthians 4:6

“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ScriptureMark 9:2-9**Sermon****Hymn***Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*
Glory to God Hymnal, #190**Offering and Doxology**

Psalm 50:1

"The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting."

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you can give them back to God in love and service to others.

Prayer of Dedication and the Prayers of the People*

**portions adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion & Rev. Roger Gench, Presbyterian Outlook liturgy for Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday, 2021*

We give you thank, O God, for the light of love around us, the fire of faith within us, and the gifts we have received through your good creation. We ask your blessing upon what we offer here this day; that they, and we, may be agents of the love of Christ shining in this world.

Lord, you who have come to us in glory, and we now come to you in prayer. We pray for your creation, and that we would be good stewards of what you have made.

We pray for the nations of this world. Grant leaders wisdom and desire for your truth and your justice, and the common good. We pray for the peoples of this world; watch over us all. Especially those who suffer at the hands of those more powerful. And we pray for our nation, and our leaders. May they govern well and good, with integrity and humility.

As we continue having to bear the weight of this pandemic and the social ills that continue to be revealed, we pray that you would bestow strength on healthcare workers, wisdom on those facilitating vaccinations, rest for those who have grown weary. Be with those who have lost loved one, lost livelihoods, and lost opportunities. Tune our ears and our hearts to those crying for justice. Enable us to remember the poor, the stranger, the oppressed, and the hurting.

We pray now for those whose names are known to us. For those who mourn...

For those in need of healing...

And for our sisters and brothers of the Martin Luther King Community Presbyterian Church, continuing to find a way to move forward with healing after the fire intentionally set burned their church.

And we ask your continued presence with all at the Chapel Hill, Waterman Lake, Madonna Manor, the Highlands, and Atria assisted living facilities, and all who are separated from family and friends in this time.

And for all those in our hearts and on our minds...

Form us, Lord, by Jesus Christ; in whom the liberating power of Moses and prophetic witness of Elijah are fulfilled. Let our lives shine like the transfigured Christ as we journey with him through all the mountains and valleys of this life. May we be a blessing to those that struggle, a balm for those hurting, and a friend to those on the margins.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Is He Worthy
Lind Tente, solo

Charge and Benediction

from Mark 9:7

Behold, the voice from the cloud of glory, "This is my Son, the Beloved." Let us go into the world listening to him.

The love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit shine on, and shine through you, now and forevermore. Amen.