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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ Feast of the Transfiguration ✠

March 2, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

The call of the Holy One has brought us together.

We have been called to pray and to praise.

We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

May the light of Love burn brightly in us.

May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds.

May it become a beacon of hope for others.

*HYMN

God Only Wise

GtG #12

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy God, it has been easy to live with our eyes veiled. Too often, we have hidden from the hard realities within us and around us. We have shielded Your light of Love, instead of sharing it. Something deep within has often hardened our hearts, leading to inertia and unfreedom. But there is a deeper longing within. We hunger for the forgiveness and renewal You revealed in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, Holy One, and unveil our eyes and our hearts. With Your shining love, light a path of forgiveness for us that we may share it with others. By this, we may know the freedom of new life you revealed in Jesus Christ. Amen and amen.

Time for silent reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (*responsive*)

Hear the good news! Do not lose heart! God is merciful. Bit by bit, we are being transformed into the image of God's glory made known in Jesus Christ.

In our turning, God has forgiven us and unveiled our lives. God has also called us to listen to Jesus Christ, the Beloved, who calls us by the same name.

Beloved, may the forgiving light of God's love shine through us, and bear the hope of a new beginning to others.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

GLORIA PATRI (*unison*)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831-345-6324

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer *Come and Fill* (*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

*HYMN

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

GtG #190

(Alt. tune Nettleton)

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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

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Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been

commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

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Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

SERMON

The Radiance of God

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OFFERING

Anthem

Lord, we will Remember

St. Andrew Choir

Doxology (*unison*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering Prayer (*unison*)

O Spirit of Life, shine on us again and again that we may become the blessing you intend. Keep awakening us to Your holy mystery and Your sacred call. Bless these gifts we bring so that Your energy of love may be shared with others and offer the light of a new beginning. By this, and more than we can name, continue to transfigure us and the world. Amen.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Belief in Christ, not membership, offers you this loving invitation.

INVITATION (*responsive*)

Peter and John and James went up to the mountain to pray.

While they were praying, their whole world changed.

They saw glory like they had never seen before.

You and I came to this holy place to pray.

While we are praying, here at this table,

as we share in this feast God has prepared,

May we see glory like we have never seen before.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

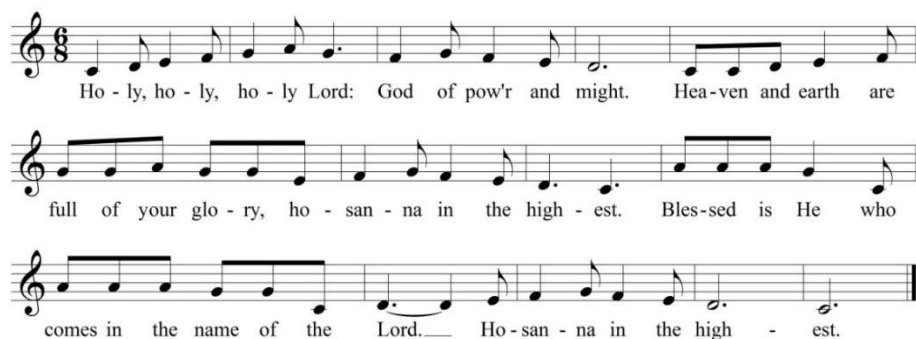
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

And so, we come to see glory. We come to marvel at how ordinary life can seem when we are climbing over our everyday tasks when we don't expect anything new or different to surprise us. We come to remember and believe that God is always leading us. God is always bringing us into the light of love just as God has done from the beginning of time. God led our ancestors out of slavery into freedom and never tired of sending prophets that could remind us all that glory is not far away. Though we have refused to see it, ignoring our call to care for this world and every living thing on it, God has never given up on us. God continues this work today. God leads us to transformative moments in holy places, high up on a mountain and gathered here at this table, so that we might see glory again. The ordinary will be made extraordinary. The common will become holy. The familiar will become fantastic. We come to this table again because we know we need to change. We need new eyes and new visions and so we pray that the Holy Spirit will open our eyes and our ears. Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

Sanctus

Don Adkins



Holy Spirit, come into this bread and this cup. Transform these ordinary objects, as you change our hearts to shape and form your world with the joy you promise. Pour your grace upon us, so we might always see your glory. Transform us at this table, we pray. In our hope of transformation, we remember how it first happened. Long, long ago before the terrible events that would follow had come to pass, Jesus our Christ gathered with his friends in an upper room...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Let us retain the elements so we may partake together. While the elements are being served, let us all sing In Remembrance of Me 521

CLOSING PRAYER

Holy God, we have tasted the light of your love and seen your glory at this table. Now, transform us to find your glory in everyone and everything. This we pray in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN

Lord, the Light of your Love Is Shining

GtG #192

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light. (Refrain)

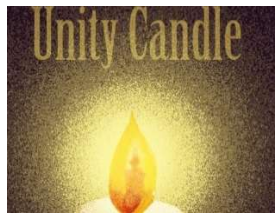
As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- **LITURGIST:** Shari Gallegos
- **COMMUNION SERVERS:** David Allshouse, Myles Billheimer, Sandy Petznick
- **GREETER:** Dorothy Glaum
- **COFFEE HOSTS:** Linda Walker
- **OFFERING COUNTER:** Jan Maack



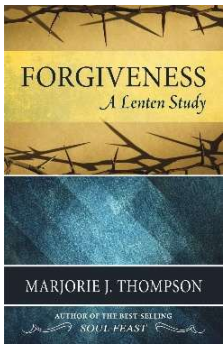
Unity Candle: Today we pray for Gonzalez Presbyterian Church.

Prayer is a way we take action on the connectional aspect of our church.

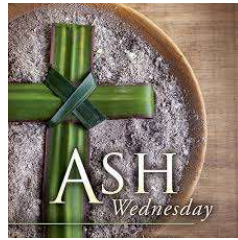
UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 3rd	Bible Study @ 1 pm, Lessons 8 and 9 Bell Choir @ 2:30 pm
Tuesday, March 4th	Nurture Mtg @ 10 am Enrichment Mtg @ 2pm
Wednesday, March 5 th	Ash Wednesday, see announcement
Thursday, March 13 th	Choir @ 2 pm

On Monday, March 10th we begin our Lenten study series focused on Forgiveness



“Forgiveness is the healing stream flowing out from the crucified Christ over a world that does not know how desperately it needs the healing” - a quote from Marjorie Thompson’s study on Forgiveness. You are invited to join us during Lent to explore forgiveness in our lives. Starting March 10 at 1:00 on Zoom we will reflect on self-examination, honesty, repentance and forgiveness. You can purchase the book online.



Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Lent starts with Ash Wednesday. Historically we have joined with the Catholics on this holy day. But this year we are partnering with two churches to give you a choice as to when you want to mark this day and begin your Lenten journey. Join Pastor Anne at noon at Aptos Methodist church for imposition of ashes. Or if you would like a later service, join our fellow Christians at Christ Lutheran at 7:00 pm. We will be inviting these two communities to join us for our Maundy Thursday service.