

Sow Good News

"Faith comes by listening." (Romans 10:17)



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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



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These moments are given to us so that we can remember them when God seems far away and everything appears empty and useless. These experiences are true moments of grace.

~ Henri Nouwen

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Mark 2:7*)

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke:

This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!

***GATHERING**

LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING

GTG #456

Kenyan (NENO LAKE MUNGU)

Refrain x2

***LITANY FOR TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the word to Moses.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness
now shines in our hearts.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

The Lord our God is holy!

Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

At the mountain of the Lord,
let us bow down and worship God!

***HYMN**

LORD, SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK

GTG #722

by Frances Ridley Havergal

CANONBURY

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING OF THE COVENANT WATERS

All: May God be with you there. **Kids:** May God be with you here.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen. [*Silent Confession*]

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #576

by Swee Hong Lim

SINGAPURA

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The one who call light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (*Isaiah 52:7*)

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

~ *LISTENING TO THE WORD* ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE

GENESIS 9:8-17

CEB

HYMN

O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

GTG #738

by Washington Gladden

MARYTON

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 9: 2-9

CEB

And from the cloud there came a voice, saying: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" **For faith comes by listening.**

SERMON

SACRED ENCOUNTERS: PART II

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*From A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*)

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **GOING FORTH** ~

***HYMN**

SHINE, JESUS SHINE
by Graham Kendrick

GTG #192

***BENEDICTION**

How are we to proclaim unless we are sent:

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!

POSTLUDE

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