

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 2, 2025

Worship 10:30 AM

Transfiguration Sunday

Gather

Prelude "Reflections on the Spirit" Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Candles

Choral Introit "I Love You, Lord" (*Renew*, #36) Laurie Klein

Praise

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us turn to the mountaintop and let us give God the glory.

People: For the glory of the Lord shines upon us; calling us forth with thanksgiving.

Leader: From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.

People: Calling us to be a blessing to the world by sharing hope with the broken.

Leader: On mountaintops, and in neighborhoods, Christ calls to us.

People: With a word, and with wonder; molding us into who we are.

Leader: On the playground, and at the workstation, the Spirit whispers in our hearts.

People: Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams; offering them to God.

ALL: Amen.

Prepare

****Hymn** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" (separate sheet)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have seen your light and glory:

- in the work of your church,
- in the faces of loved ones,
- and in the life of Jesus Christ.

Yet our memories are short, and we complain that we no longer feel your presence among us. Lord, today you once again call us to draw near, yet we continue to fail to hear your voice. We sleepwalk through life, ignoring the needs of people all around us and worrying about our own desires. Forgive us, when we shut out the call to climb into your presence. Forgive us when we make excuses to put off that journey to the valley where you call us out to share your blessing which brings hope to the world. Pardon us when we neglect to seek you in the faces of lonely and suffering neighbors. In our silence, open our eyes and our ears, Lord, to your presence. . . . (*Silence is kept*).

Time for Silent Confession Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our hopes and in our hearts, our sovereign God answers our failings with forgiveness and renewal. Beloved, believe the good news this Transfiguration Sunday: we are all being transformed, day by day, from one degree of glory to another so that we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. Let us praise God's great and awesome name! Amen.

**Congregational Response

Spirit of the Living God

(Hymn #288)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Children's Message

Listen

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, bring us to your mountaintop. We come to be with you today. We come to listen to what you have to say. We come to sense your glory— a glory that can transform our lives. In the words we read and hear this morning, reveal yourself once again and transform us so that we might be prepared for to share your light by serving others. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Anthem

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” (#839, *GTG*)

Crosby/Knapp

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Preparation Prayer Video

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36

“Thanks be to God!”

Sermon

“Keep Close to the Source!”

Respond

**Hymn "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" 193

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

God of mountain top experiences and daily valley living, let your light shine among us as we invest ourselves and our gifts to transform and join Jesus in serving your world. Jesus, Chosen on God, you shone upon the mountain with your glory. As we draw near to you as our source for daily living and faith, bless our gifts of every kind – our energy and talent, our treasure and mission. May your light shine through these gifts, that our world may be transformed by your power. Amen.

**Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

**Passing the Peace

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

**Hymn "Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining" 192

**Benediction

Friends, the mountaintop is for a moment. The world waits. Christ's service begins now.

So go into the world:

- radiant with the holiness of God
- transfigured by the splendor of Jesus Christ
- illuminated by the energy of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Choral Response "Majesty" (*Renew*, #63) Jack W. Hayford

Extinguishing of Candles

Postlude "Trumpet Flourish" Leon Nelson

Those who are able, please stand.

Leaders in and for Worship

Preaching Today	Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist	Carol Virkler
Acolyte	Tabitha Norris
Organist/Pianist	Bill Daly
Director of Music	J. West
Audio/Visual Technicians	Marianne Fues, Bill Kennedy, Odell Newkirk
Greeter	Anne Seymour
Ushers	Ted Groshong, Brian Griffith

Announcements for March 2, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! If you are visiting Trinity for the first time, we'd love to get to know you better. Please leave your contact information in the guest book by the front door; or, if you are worshiping online, please use our website contact form or the Facebook chat feature. We will be in touch with you soon.

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER LENTEN STUDY: Our Transitional Pastor, Ronnie Osborn, has prepared Lenten study booklets for the congregation which you will want to pick up today from the table in the lobby. Trinity's session invites you to join in 40 days of praying for Trinity as we learn how to sail with the Spirit and go where God is leading us. This Lenten practice will lead us into further discernment after Easter.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER: March 4 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy pancakes, sausage, and applesauce and visit with your church friends. There is no charge for the meal, but donations will be accepted.

EVENING CIRCLE: Tuesday, March 4 (following the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper) downstairs in Room 12 and will discuss Lesson 7, "Economic Climate Change", in the *Let Justice Roll Down* Study Book.

AFTERNOON CIRCLE: Wednesday, March 5 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 12 and will discuss Lesson 6 "Climate Change" in the study book.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE: March 5 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us in the sanctuary or online via Facebook Live as we mark the beginning of the Lenten season. The service will include the imposition of ashes for those who desire to receive them.

ROBERT SAMUEL DUNCAN CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE: Saturday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and live-streamed via Facebook Live. A luncheon reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.