

**8th Sunday After Epiphany
February 27, 2022 Worship Bulletin
Transfiguration Sunday**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

#2032, "My Life Is in You, Lord," Sing the Faith Hymnal

My life is in You, Lord,
My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord
In You, it's in You.

I will praise You with all of my life.
I will praise You with all of my strength
With all of my life, and all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.

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Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

*Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 47:1-2; Hebrews 4:14, 16]

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Leader: The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;

People: The Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved.

Leader: Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

People: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Prayer of Adoration

*Hymn of Praise

#268, "Crown Him with Many Crowns," vs. 1-3

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His Throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for me,
And hail Him as my matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of Love, behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear the sight
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of Peace, Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end, and round His piercèd feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

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Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, we enter your presence humbly, aware that we approach you from a world that chooses to walk in darkness, apart from you. Each one of us is guilty of having ignored and even denied the incredible power of Jesus Christ in our life. We confess now our sins to you, God of power and might. Penetrate the darkness of our hearts by the power of Christ's light, that we may live in the joy of knowing and loving you and each other.

[Silent prayer of confession]

Leader: We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18]

Leader: Hear the Good News, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

People: All of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God!

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings, #188, "Jesus Loves Me."
After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

Hymn of Preparation

#2203, "In His Time," Sing the Faith Hymnal

In His time, in His time
He makes all things beautiful
In His time

Lord, please show me everyday
As You're teaching me Your way
That You do just what You say
In Your time

In Your time, in Your time
You make all things beautiful
In Your time

Lord my life to you I bring
May each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing
In Your time

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Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2

12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. 13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. 14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. 15 Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. 16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 4:1 Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

Sermon

“Up, Up, & Away.... From Fleishy Faces to Unveiled Glory”

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith

[Colossians 1: 15-20]

People: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: “Shine on Us,” Sons and Daughters Choir

*Response

#606, “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

[particular prayers]

Leader: God of grace and mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. 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 of Response

#450, "Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter and Thou, my high tower
Raise Thou me Heaven-ward, O Power of my power
Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2069, "All Hail King Jesus," Sing the Faith Hymnal

All Hail King Jesus!
All Hail Emmanuel
King Of Kings
Lord Of Lords
Bright Morning Star
And throughout eternity
I'll sing Your praises
And I'll reign with You throughout eternity

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*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able