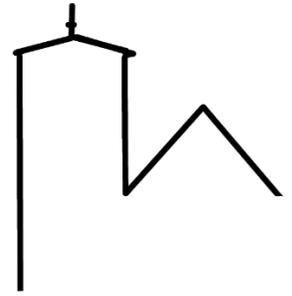


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1420 West Moss Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61606



THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

11 February 2018

Ten O'clock

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Georg Böhm

Chorale Prelude on "All Glory Be to God on High"

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

One: *Gathering in this sacred place we anticipate new wonders each week.*

All: **Wherever two or three are gathered to worship, a holy spirit is present.**

One: *Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy waiting to be.*

All: **We will want to linger and camp in this sanctuary, but when we leave today may our hearts be open to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.**

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 74

Mowsley

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Carole Willadsen, Liturgist

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(praying together)*

*TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. Your Word offers guidance, but we choose to ignore your counsel. You promise renewal, but we heed not your wisdom. We bow to the gods of this world, choosing to hide from your truth. Speak to us again from beyond the clouds of our sinfulness; dazzle us anew with the light of Christ's love. Restore and forgive us.

**all who are able may stand.*

*KYRIE

Tom Clark-Jones

Lord have mer - cy up - on us. Christ have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Tom Clark-Jones

Cantor Congregation

Glo - ry be to God on High. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther; we wor - ship You, we
give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther;
re - ceive our prayer. For you are the Ho - ly One,
You a - lone art the Lord, You a - lone art the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.
A - - - - - men.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

p. 332, NRSV

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

p. 180, NRSV

The Psalter

Psalm 50

Old Hundredth

1. The Lord has spoken, God of gods,
He calls the earth from east to west;
From Zion, perfect in its grace,
He makes his glory manifest.

2. Our God will come with raging storm,
Consuming flame, and not be still;
He calls the heavens and earth to see
As now his people hear his will.

3. "Assemble all my followers
Who sealed the bond with sacrifice;"
For God the Lord himself is judge;
Let heaven declare his cause is right.

from: *A New Metrical Psalter*, Christopher L. Webber
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Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

p. 44, NRSV

SERMON

The Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Reading together*)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

Everett Titcomb

Te Deum in E-flat The Choir

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting. To Thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heavens and all the powers therein. To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee. The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee; The Father of an infinite Majesty; Thine honourable, true, and only Son; Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man: Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting.

*DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(please be seated at the end of the prayer)*

SEALING THE WORD

At the time of the DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS, worshipers may come forward, down the center aisle, to receive bread and then dip their bread in a chalice. Those who are unable to come down the aisle, or who prefer to receive in the pew, will be served bread and an individual cup by an elder who will be walking around the sanctuary to serve those who remain seated. Christians of any age or church affiliation are welcome at Christ's table, where Christ himself is the host.

*HYMN 143

Diadem

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

INVITATION

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

One: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS

Tom Clark-Jones

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts: Hea-ven and earth are—
full, full of thy glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -
san-na in the high - est Bless-ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

COMMUNION PRAYER and MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS

Dy-ing you de - stroyed our— death, Ris-ing you re - stored our life,
Lord Je - sus come a - gain— in glo - ry!

THE CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *[praying together]*

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.

These are holy things, to keep us holy. Gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true body, Born of the virgin Mary; Who has truly suffered, slaughtered On the Cross for humanity. Whose side was pierced, Pouring out water and blood. Be a foretaste for us During our ordeal of death.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 73

Geneva

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Gory

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

John Gardiner (Belmont)

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in g minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Denise Clark-Jones, *Pastor*

Carole Willadsen, *Liturgist*

Thomas Clark-Jones, *Organist-Choirmaster*

The Choir of Westminster Church

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM is a setting of the historic hymn of the Christian Church, "Te Deum Laudamus" (we praise Thee, O God) which dates from the earliest eras of the Church. It has been set by many hundreds of composers over the centuries. This particular setting is by Everett Titcomb (1884-1968) and was written in 1943. It is dubbed the "Victory" Te Deum, and was performed widely in grateful thanks for the sacrifices of American and Allied troops during World War II. It is not really, in any way, nationalistic. It's just a great setting of this historic text. Titcomb spent his whole career as Organist-Choirmaster of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, a very high church establishment with a stellar history of great church music. This setting seems to capture the glory of the Feast of the Transfiguration beautifully.

The communion anthem is the superb motet, "Ave Verum" by Mozart. It's simple melody and harmony belies a deep spiritual understanding of this beautiful text. It is sung in Latin, but there is an English translation offered along with the Latin in the order of service.

A REMINDER ... this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. A service of solemn Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will take place at 7:00 p.m. It is a brief but beautiful service marking the beginning of our Lenten journey as a congregation.

OPEN HANDS, OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS