

First Baptist Church at Worship

February 14, 2021
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Greeting and Call to Worship

Alex Lockridge

*The glory of God transfigures our everyday lives!
At the heights of our worship, may God's presence shine through the commonplace.
**At the depths of our pain and struggle,
may God's presence give us courage and peace.**
And may God's light, shining in the face of Christ, illumine all our days!
Amen.*

Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

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*We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray with new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.
Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.*

- Carl P. Daw, Jr.

A Moment for Children

Jefferson Calico

from II Kings 2

A Reading from the Gospels

Paul Sims

Mark 9:2-9

Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son;

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight and all the twinkling, starry host;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

- 17th century German hymn

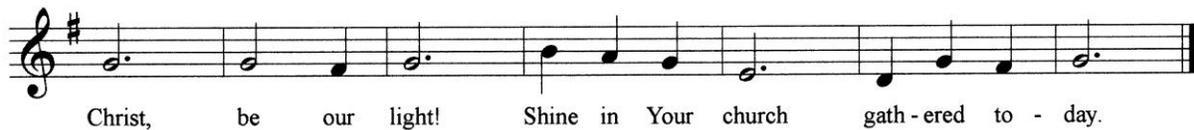
Sermon

"Letting Go"

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Response

by Bernadette Farrell



Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You.

*Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see. **REFRAIN***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

*Your word alone has power to save us. Make us Your living voice. **REFRAIN***

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

*Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come. **REFRAIN***

Prayers of the People

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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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

See Our Lord in All His Glory

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*See our Lord in all his glory, now arrayed in dazzling white!
See him shine in holy splendor, bathed in everlasting light!
See the law and prophets gather, lifting high the Living Christ!
Lifting high the Living Christ!*

See the burning cloud around us guiding through the wilderness.

Hear the voice of God our Father, hear the love his words express:

This my Son is pure and pleasing. Hear the blessing that he brings!

Hear the blessing that he brings!

Jesus Lord, we see Your splendor here and now by daily faith.

In our service, in our suffering we will follow unafraid,

On from glory into glory, till we see You face to face,

Till we see You face to face.

- Ken Bible

Benediction

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... for it is not ourselves that we preach; we preach Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. The God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!" is the same God who made light shine in our hearts, to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ. Amen.

- II Corinthians 4:5-6