



PANTHER VALLEY ECUMENICAL CHURCH

Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2021

*Connecting with the Community,
Growing Disciples, and Serving Jesus Christ*

*Our Worship can be viewed on our website
PantherValleyChurch.org*

FRIENDS ~ FAMILY ~ FAITH

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us seek to simplify this moment, slow down for a time. Let us worship, leaning on prayer, reflection and sharing with one another.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, Light of the World,
you help us to see and find our way in this time.
Open us this day to a vision of the world made all-right,
so that we might alight our own lives to show forth
your reign on earth as it is in heaven.
We praise you for your steadfast presence,
holding our lives together in love.
Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Holy One, we confess that we fear what we do not understand. We are afraid of what comes to an end, because we cannot perceive a new beginning. We are afraid of death. We are afraid of the unknown. Sometimes we ignore our fears, and sometimes we are immobilized by them. Guide us, Holy One, into the way of faith. Help us to move forward despite our fears, knowing You are with us. Grant us a curiosity to ask helpful questions and to sit with the answers we receive, or to patiently wait when there are none. May Your Wisdom help us to comprehend Your presence, even when we do not know what lies ahead. Holy One, may we know, first and foremost, that we are not alone, and that You will never leave us or forsake us, for You made us in Your image, and You delight in us, and You love us. In the name of Christ, whom You sent for us, and who guides us on, we pray. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

SONG *Glorify Thy Name*

KID'S MESSAGE *God's Valentine*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

MESSAGE *Standing in Awe*

HYMN *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

Prayers of the People

You are invited to write your prayer concerns on small pieces of paper and place these prayers in a container [*bowl, box, etc*]-a symbolic action of placing them in God's hands, God's care.

Let us pray for the leaders of this world and this church community...

God of Justice, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who live in conflict around the world...

Prince of Peace, secure us in your love.

Let us pray for all who are experiencing loss of any kind in this pandemic...

Comforting Healer, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are homeless, hungry and alone...

Emmanuel, God-With-Us, reassure us in our times of need.

Let us pray for those who are excluded, oppressed, and pushed to the margins...

God of Unity, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who live in comfort, for Christ-like hospitality and generosity...

Transforming Spirit, hear our prayer.

Holy and Living One,
for those we have named and the ones whose names we do not know,
hear our 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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Give thanks for strong yet tender hands
held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short let hands speak out;
the heights of love expressing.**

BENEDICTION

Now go in the knowledge that God is holding your life even as we hold each other. You are not alone. You are loved. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Credits:

Today's Liturgy is adapted from: Worship Design Studio, Prayer of Confession, Rev. Mindi.

Prelude, Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky

Postlude, O, How I Love Jesus

Song, Glorify Thy Name

Hymn, I Stand Amazed In The Presence, Public Domain

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