

# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2018

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Preparing for Worship:** Transfiguration Sunday celebrates the glorious revelation of God in Jesus Christ and Christ's manifestation as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the devouring fire of the glory of the LORD at Mount Sinai (Exodus 24.17). It is the final Sunday following Epiphany before the beginning of Lent.

**Gathering Music** Jan Mauck

**Prelude** "*By the Grace of God*" By Anthony Giamanco

**Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time** Brice Smith

**\*Song** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" 245

**\*Call to Worship:** *The Acceptable Sacrifice*

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silent, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

**God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

"Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

*Selah* (stop and listen)!

**Psalm 50:1-6 (New International Version)**

**\*Invocational Prayer**

**Song of Faith** "Be Thou My Vision" 502

**Community and Congregational 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

**Choir Special:** "In Christ Alone" Janet Nyfeler, Director  
Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

**A Reading from the Old Testament** 2 Kings 2:1-12

**A Reading from the New Testament** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

**\*A Reading from the Gospel** Mark 9:2-9

**\*Responsorial** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" 480

**Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings**

**Offertory Special:** "*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*"  
Arranged by Lloyd Larson; Marjorie O'Konski, Organist

**Children's Message** (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

**Prayer & Message:** "The Lord, The Law, and The Prophets"  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

**\*Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

**\*Song** "This Little Light of Mine" Video

**\*Spoken Benediction**

**\*Postlude** "*In Thee Is Gladness*" by Terry Osman

\*Please stand if able

**CHILDRENS ACTIVITY BAGS AND BULLETINS – We are glad to have children in worship!** Activity bags filled with coloring pages, crayons, and other items are available for preschool and elementary-aged children near the sanctuary door. Enjoy the bags and children’s bulletins; take your artwork home. Place the bags on the front pew after the worship service so we can restock them.

**THE LORD’S SUPPER** – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice “open communion.” This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.



**THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION** – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord’s Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

**MISSION:** The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ



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