

Transfiguration of the Lord

11:00 a.m.

February 11, 2018

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 473 **For the Beauty of the Earth**

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*Expressing Our Joy

Reece H. Smith

Leader: Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: Who are we?

People: We are children of God, the family of faith.

Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?

People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confessing our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Amazing God, we are bewildered by our continuing inability to make sense out of life. Our visions and dreams far outpace reality, and your expectations for us are seldom realized. We do not do the good we intend, and the evil we thought we had left behind comes back to haunt us. In our relationships with others, we seem unable to find a common language that unites us, and resist including everyone in our concerns. Forgive our sluggish response to you and our resistance to change. Purify and enliven us by your Spirit at work within and among us.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Reassurance of God's Forgiveness

Moment with the Children

(Afterward, children kindergarten age and younger may leave the Sanctuary for a period of supervised activity.)

*Hymn 386

O for a World

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Genesis 12:1-3 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 9 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem **With A Voice of Singing**

Martin Shaw

Matthew 25:37-40 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 27 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon **Compassion: It's Personal**

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

Ministry of Prayer

*The Apostles' Creed (page 14, *Traditional*) and **Gloria Patri**

The Bringing of our Tithes and Gifts

(During the offertory please sign the fellowship pad as it is passed and return it to the center aisle in order that we may get to know one another.)

Offertory **The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

arr. Craig Courtney

*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 592)

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*Prayer of Dedication and *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 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 360

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Amen

*Going Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.