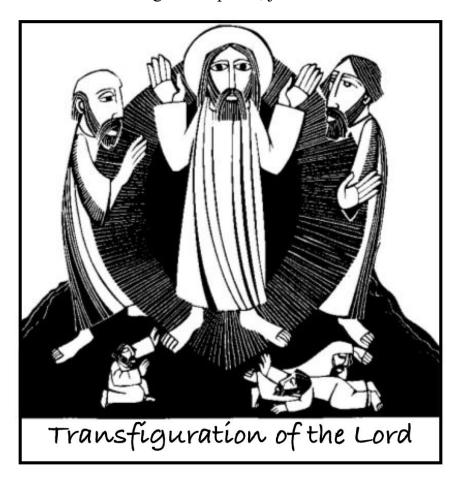
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

~ a community of faith coming together, for fellowship, study and service . . . seeking God's peace, justice and love ~



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!

We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks and placed in the offering plate.

The Service for the Lord's Day Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Transfiguration of the Lord February 27, 2022 - 11:00 AM

* Indicates congregation standing if able. Parents with infants may remain seated.

Congregational responses indicated in bold.

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Please sign the Friendship Pad found in your pew, passing it down the pew then back.

Prelude Dianne Griffith

The spiritual, FREE AT LAST, was arranged by African American, Julia Perry (1924-1979) who was a pianist, violinist, singer, composer, and conductor. She received bachelor's and master's degrees from Westminster Choir College, and also studied at Julliard School of Music and at the Berkshire Music Center.

Call to Worship (L = Leader, P = People)

Liturgist

- L: Let us worship God. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- P: who made heaven and earth.
- L: God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shown in our hearts
- P: to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- L: Praise the Lord.
- P: The Lord's name be praised.

Let us pray:

God of dazzling majesty and mystery, in Jesus Christ we glimpse the image of your glory. May we ever listen to him, following your holy way; for we ask it in the name of him who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn No. 192 "LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING" (SHINE, JESUS, SHINE)

Lord, the light of your love is shin-ing in the midst of the dark-ness, shin-ing; Je-sus, Light of the World, shine up-on us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.

Shine on me; shine on me.

Shine, Je-sus, shine;
fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo-ry.
Blaze, Spir-it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, riv-er, flow; flood the na-tions with grace and mer-cy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awe-some pres-ence from the shad-ows in-to your ra-diance; by the blood I may en-ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con-sume all my dark-ness. Shine on me; shine on me.

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Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your king-ly bright-ness, so our fac-es dis-play your like-ness; ev-er chang-ing from glo-ry to glo-ry, mir-rored here may our lives tell your sto-ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

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* Call to Confession

Liturgist

Let us gather before the shining face of the Master, to acknowledge our sin and to receive his mercy and pardon. Let us pray together.

* Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

Holy God, you call us to hope and to act with boldness, even as we tremble at your presence and cover our eyes. Your very greatness unveils our weakness; your justice reveals our brokenness; your holiness sharply exposes our many faults. Yet you are the Giver of all grace, and pardon. So forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Savior, that we may never grow fearful or lose heart.



* Assurance of Pardon

by Dr. Dwyn Mounger

Friends, hear the good news of Holy Scripture!

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. . . .

God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord, in Christ, removed our transgressions from us."

All: Amen.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please share God's peace with your neighbors in some way.)

* Sung Response No. 587

"ALLELUIA!"

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

O God, you are our strength and our redeemer.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings from Scripture

Torah Exodus 34:29-35 (The Shining Face of Moses)

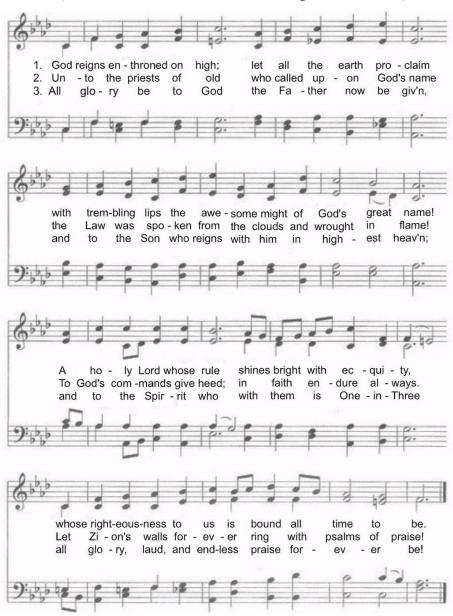
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Psalm 99

"GOD REIGNS ENTHRONED ON HIGH"

Sung to tune to # 49 (LEONI)

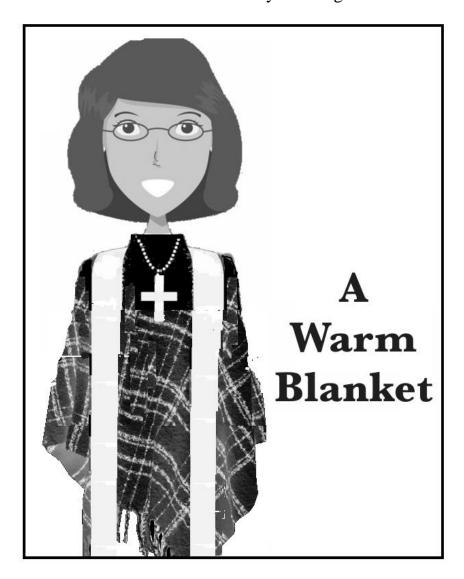
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Readings from Scripture Dr. Mounger

Epistle 2 Timothy 4:13-22 (Personal Instructions) Pg. 201 Gospel Luke 9:28-36 (The Transfiguration) Pg. 65

Sermon "A Warm Blanket for your Coming New Pastor(s)"
The Reverend Dr. Dwyn Mounger



* Apostle's Creed (Sung) No. 481

GENEVAN

"I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER"

I be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, mer-ci-ful and might-y Lord, mak-er of the earth and heav-ens, whom we wor-ship and a-dore; and in Je-sus Christ the Son, on-ly Sav-ior, sov-ereign one, by the Ho-ly Spir-it giv-en, born of Mar-y, bless-ed vir-gin.

Un-der Pi-late, Je-sus suf-fered, faith-ful to his fi-nal breath. He was cru-ci-fied and bur-ied, and de-scend-ed in-to death. From the grave he did a-rise; he as-cend-ed through the skies; now en-throned with God in heav-en, he will judge the dead and liv-ing.

I be-lieve in God the Spir-it, and the church in ev-ery place; Saints in glo-ri-ous com-mu-nion, all for-giv-en, full of grace; Flesh and blood will live a-gain; life in Christ will nev-er end. Ho-ly Spir-it, Son and Fa-ther: I will praise your name for-ev-er.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Invitation to the Offering
In gratitude to God for all the blessings showered upon us in love,
let us offer now our gifts and our hearts.

Offertory

* Hymn No. 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

God of great love and grace, receive these our gifts, and with them, our hearts and lives, using them and us, by your Holy Spirit, in the coming of your promised realm of eternal peace and joy through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

* Hymn No. 691 "LORD, WHEN I CAME INTO THIS LIFE"

LAND OF REST

Lord, when I came in-to this life you called me by my name; to-day I come, com-mit my-self, re-spond-ing to your claim.

With-in the cir-cle of the faith, as mem-ber of your cast, I take my place with all the saints of fu-ture, pres-ent, past.

In all the ten-sions of my life, between my faith and doubt, let your great Spir-it give me hope, sus-tain me, lead me out.

So help me in my un-be-lief and let my life be true: feet firm-ly plant-ed on the earth, my sights set high on you.

* Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage.

Hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering.

Honor all people.

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

* Postlude



Guest Minister: The Reverend Dr. Dwyn Mounger

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Pianist: Judy Yeaworth Sound: Adam Badger Video: Jake Horton

MUSIC ATTRIBUTIONS

"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)"
Text and Music: Graham Kendrick, 1987
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"Lord, Have Mercy"
Text: Trad. liturgical text
Music: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984
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"Alleluia!"

Text: Trad. liturgical text
Music: Fintan O'Carroll, 1981;
Harm. Christopher Walker, 1985
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"God Reigns Enthroned on High"
Sung to tune to LEONI
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"I Believe in God the Father"
Text: David Gambrell, 2009
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