

III. Responding to the Word

*Hymn 156 “Sing of God Made Manifest” *Salzburg*
(choir will sing the first verse, congregation verses 2,3,4)

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Jesus Christ has given the church preaching and teaching, praise and prayer, and Baptism and the Lord’s Supper as means of fulfilling its service of God among men. These gifts remain, but the church is obliged to change the forms of its service in ways appropriate to different generations and cultures...The church responds to the message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In that response, it commits itself afresh to its mission, experiences a deepening of faith and obedience, and bears open testimony to the gospel. Adoration of God is acknowledgment of the Creator by the creation.

The Confession of 1967, Section 9.48, 9.50

*Congregational Response Hymn 14 (v. 5) *Dix*
**For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord’s Prayer Choral Amen

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.

Call to Stewardship (Unison)

All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

In revealing a glimpse of God’s glory upon the mountain, Christ prepared his people to bear the challenge and chaos of the days of his passion, which was to come. Today, Christ prepares in us a place of refuge and rest, of

glory and wonder, of peace and encouragement in the gifts of this Love. The gift of God for our salvation is Christ himself.

Offertory arr. Wilbur Held
“Prelude on *The Ash Grove*”

*Congregational Response Hymn 707 (v.4) *Hall*
**Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.**

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

O God of life and glory, upon the Mountain of Transfiguration you revealed your light within your Son Jesus Christ. As he was drawn into the brilliance of your presence, so draw us now into the wonder of your presence here among us as we offer these gifts to You. Nourish us and send us forth in the power of your Spirit to live faithfully as your beloved children, we pray in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

IV. Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 694 *Aurelia*
“Great God of Every Blessing”

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response Hal H. Hopson
“We Go in Joy”
Sanctuary Choir
We go in joy. Alleluia!
We go knowing whom we serve;
For by serving our fellow men, we serve God.
Alleluia!

*Closing Voluntary arr. Anna Laura Page
“Voluntary on *Hyfrydol*”

*Jesus stretched out his hand and
touched him, and said to him,*



“I do choose. Be made clean!”

Mark 1:41

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

February 11, 2018

10:40 A.M.

Transfiguration of the Lord

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshippers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to God's house of worship. Let us lift up our voices in song and prayer that we may be refreshed, and our hearts in praise and adoration that we may "walk in the newness of life" (Romans 6:4) as we joyously worship our Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

(Please sign the attendance register and pass it along, greeting those near you. Guests, please share your address and telephone number with us.)

I. Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary Italian Hymn/arr. Kevin McChesney
"Come, Thou Almighty King"
Sanctuary Handbells

Chimes The Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We who have come to follow Jesus hear his voice,
calling us to be apart for a little while.

**We will listen and follow, and open ourselves to
new visions.**

The one who leads us will reveal to us who he is.

**May our hearts be open to God's bright glory,
shining in the face of Christ the Son!**

Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

**God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp
or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence, the
angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring
love, we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you
have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our
Savior. Amen**

*Hymn 14 (vs. 1-4)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Dix

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love
your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Doxology

Hymn 606

Old Hundredth

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

II. Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

**Teach us through the words of Scripture we hear, and
lead us to share those words with those we meet. We await the
stirring of your Spirit. In Christ, we pray with anticipation.
Amen**

Music Ministry

Bruce Bengtson

"O Sing to the Lord a New Song"

*Commissioned by the Music Ministry, Grace First
Presbyterian Church, to honor Wanda Carroll Eidson for
over 50 years in the Sanctuary Choir*

*O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and is holy arm have
gotten him the victory.*

The Lord has made known his victory,
He has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Sing praises to the Lord, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who live in it!

Let the floods clap their hands;

Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord,

for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with equity.

Old Testament Reading

Psalms 50:1-6

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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Stephanie Eidson

Children's Worship

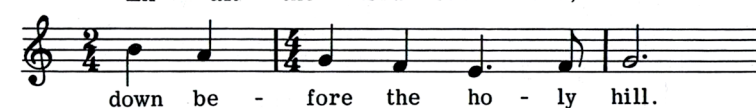
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Sermon Text

Mark 1:40-45

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A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

May your Spirit stir us.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Edie A. Gause

OH, NO, CHANGES! AGAIN!