Eighth Sunday after Epiphany February 27, 2022

<u>Gathering</u> God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude Theme & Variations for Flute & Piano

Chopin

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Great is the Lord exalted among the nations. Mighty is the Lord— King of heaven and earth. Holy is the Lord beyond our understanding. Let us worship our God and King!

Invocation

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Jesus, today we celebrate your transfiguration. You remind us that you are powerful and holy. We cannot completely understand you, but you do teach us that you are our God and you love us. We praise you, holy Lord! We glorify you, almighty King! We exalt you, Son of God! Thank you for showing us who you are. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

ymn 64

All Creatures of Our God and King

<u>Confessing</u> God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Jim Fox

God of transfiguration, you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we admit that too often our eyes are blind to your presence, too often our ears are deaf to your call. When you reach out to us through the cries of the hungry and homeless, too often our hearts shrink from your touch. Forgive us, we pray, and set us free to love and serve. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jim Fox

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and transformed! Praise be to God!

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord **All:** Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. A-men, A-men.

Offering Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him **Opportunities to Serve** Amy Styer Invitation How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Dear children, let us love, not in word or speech, but also in truth and action. Offering Offertory Be Thou My Vision (Irish Melody arranged by Carol Foss) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Hymn 278 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

<u>Proclaiming</u> God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon	Where Your Treasure Is	Val Petrie
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Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you: Don't worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Consider the birds of the sky: They don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they? ²⁷ Can any of you add one moment to his life span by worrying? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothes? Observe how the wildflowers of the field grow: They don't labor or spin thread. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was adorned like one of these. ³⁰ If that's how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, won't he do much more for you—you of little faith? ³¹ So don't worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you. ³⁴ Therefore don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Sermon

"How to Overcome Worry" Rev. Dr. Dennis Lesher

<u>Responding</u> We respond to God's Word

🖞 Hymn 404

The Solid Rock

Profession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified. died. and buried: the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the guick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church. the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

<u>Commissioning</u> God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea, A great High Priest whose name is love, Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart, No tongue can bid me thence depart,

When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Saviour died My sinful soul is counted free, For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me, To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, My perfect spotless righteousness, The great unchangeable "I Am", The King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die, My soul is purchased with his blood; *My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Saviour and my God, With Christ, my Savior and my God.*

I bow before the cross of Christ, And marvel at this love divine, God's perfect Son was sacrificed To make me righteous in God's eyes. This river's depths I can not know, But I can glory in its flood; The Lord Most High has bowed down low, And poured on me His glorious love, And poured on me His glorious love.

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Carolyn Thompson and Don Titus

Postlude

'Fanfare'

Theodore Dubois