

Covenant Congregational Church

Transfiguration Sunday

Service of Worship February 19, 2012 10:30 a.m.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

-John 15:13

PRELUDE *Lead Me, Lord* Arr. Thygerson

GATHERING SONG *Shine, Jesus, Shine* 195

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT *O come, Let us Sing unto the Lord* Stainer

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 50

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

From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and will not be silent.

Speak to us God for we are listening.

*HYMN *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 11

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of life and glory, Your Son was revealed in splendor before he suffered death upon the cross. Grant that we, beholding his majesty, may be strengthened to follow him and be changed into his likeness. This we pray through him who loves and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD Susan Santry, lay reader

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-10

Response: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain and you continued revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds; through your life of humble service and sacrifice. We hear again these wonderful words of God, *"You are my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!"* We confess our failure to listen to you because of the influence on our lives

of the gods of this world. When this happens our attitudes conceal rather than reveal your glory and your love.

If we conceal your love because our pursuit of other priorities prevents us from seeing and serving people in need:

Forgive us, Lord.

If we conceal your glory because all we reflect is our own self-centeredness:

Forgive us, Lord

If we conceal your truth through hypocritical ways and words:

Forgive us, Lord.

If we conceal your justice through our failure to empower those who are powerless:

Forgive us, Lord.

If we conceal your mercy because of our hard and unforgiving attitudes:

Forgive us, Lord.

If we conceal your compassion because of our prejudice and intolerance:

Forgive us, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse our lives of all shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and are.

This we pray in your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM *Here I Am, Lord* Schutte

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated* arr. Purifoy

*Doxology 48

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. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN *'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here* 210

SERMON "How far down?" Pastor Johnny

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*BENEDICTION
May the love and grace of Christ be so real to each of you, that those who meet you this coming week may know the love and grace of Christ.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *We Are an Offering* arr. Fettke

*POSTLUDE *Praise Him! Praise Him!* arr. Hayes

*Please stand in praise to God, if able

Welcome! Whether you are here for the first time or have been here often, know that you are among friends and welcomed in the name of Jesus who always met people in love.

- Assistive listening devices are available in the narthex by the Sound Room.
- Nursery care is provided downstairs for infants through kindergarten-aged children.
- A parent/infant room is available at the back of the Sanctuary.
- Large print copies of the worship bulletin and hymns are available from the ushers.

Piano: Heather Raduazzo *Organ:* Susan Santry
Acolytes: Tobi Agurkis & Jacqueline Prew



...a place to **BELONG**

...a place to **BELIEVE**

...a place to **BECOME**

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