

February 27, 2022

Our PCAS Vision:

*"To be a Light by Living, Loving, Learning,
and Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Order of Worship

*(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Setting by Dale Wood

Candle Lighting

*Call to Worship

Leader: Listen to God, whose voice speaks from the top
of the tallest mountain to the depths of humanity.

People: May the peace of God's words resonate within us!

Leader: Marvel at the light of the Holy Spirit, which inspires all goodness
and shines forth brilliantly against the darkness of sin and evil.

People: May the light of Christ's glory be the lamp to our true path!

Leader: Follow Jesus wherever he leads you—for Jesus' way is love.

People: May the love of Jesus lead us to transformation of self and world.

*Hymn #193

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,
"Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."

Take us to that other mountain, where we see you glorified, where you shouted “It is finished!” where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned centurion: “Truly this was God’s own Son!”

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”

Call to Confession

Jesus said: Nothing is hidden that will not be disclosed, nor is anything secret that will not come to light. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Genesis 1:26-28

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church & The Lord’s Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

Second Scripture Lesson: Luke 9:28-36

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Sermon "Disfigured to Transfigured"

Offering

Offertory

The Gift of Love

Setting by John Carter

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #189 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

O wondrous sight, O vision fair
of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

From age to age the tale declare,
how with the three disciples there,
where Moses and Elijah meet,
the Lord hold converse high and sweet.

The law and prophets there have place,
two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud
proclaims his only Son aloud.

With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today,
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

*Benediction

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

Setting by J. Vert Carlson

Worship Leaders:

Liturgist:	Elder Don Barnes
Ushers:	Team C
Zoom Host:	Jim Wright
Hymn Leadership:	Sean Starke
Piano:	Marcello Velame
Video Editing:	Rich Vodhanel
Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Chancel Flowers this week given by: Jane Banks

Coffee Hour this week hosted by: Church & Society Committee



Ash Wednesday

The past two years have been full of isolation and uncertainty. We're tired and anxious. Now Ash Wednesday and Lent – traditionally a dark time of self-denial and introspection - are just around the corner. We'll have the dubious privilege of dealing with both the lingering effects of Covid and all the darkness of Lent. Some of you are probably wondering "How the heck am I going to deal with this?". Beyond looking into our own self-created darkness, let's look to the light and love of Christ for answers. In the words of Psalm 51: 10-12 let's ask:

"Create in me a clean heart, O God and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit."

During our Ash Wednesday service we can begin to look at how to do this. Through prayer, Scripture, readings, special music, the receiving of ashes, and communion, this interactive service will lead you into Lent. You'll find ways to go beyond what was into new ways of living through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Come join us on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:30 pm to begin to explore this new supportive and positive route on your journey to the Cross and Easter. We'd love to see you there.

Join us in the Church House, or on Zoom at this link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86092490200>

Zoom worshipers are invited to pick up ashes at the church starting February 22nd.

"Reflections On What We Believe"

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God."

-Matthew 5:9