



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
February 19th, 2023 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

“O Jesus, Blest Redeemer”

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 99

1 The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

2 The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

3 Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!

4 Mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Extol the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!

6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.
They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;
they kept his decrees
and the statutes that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

9 Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.

OPENING PRAYER

God of majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelations of your glory. Give us the gift of faith, that we may hear your voice for ourselves and see Jesus Christ revealed to us and that we may stand on our own without fear. Amen.

HYMN #41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

CALL TO CONFESSION - Isaiah 30:15, 18

In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it.
Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
he rises to show you compassion.
For the LORD is God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God of Glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. Your light shines all around us and yet we fail to see it. Your voice calls to us from heaven and yet we fail to listen. Forgive us; give us grace. Let us be witnesses to your glory; make it our mission, each day, to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

DECLARATION OF PARDON—from Isaiah 49:15; 66:13, NRSV

Can a woman forget her nursing child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?
As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you, says the Lord.
Know that God forgives and live worthy of the Gospel.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, show us your holy ways and teach us your paths.
By your Holy Spirit open our minds that we may be led in your truth and taught your will.
Then may we praise you by listening to your Word and by obeying it. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying 2 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. 5 No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. 9 I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

ANTHEM “Worthy is the Lamb”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 28:16-19**The Commissioning of the Disciples**

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

SERMON “Fear Not, I am with You”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

What does it mean to you when God says ‘Fear Not’?

When have you felt God being with you in a special way? Who can you share this with?

HYMN #792 “There is a Balm in Gilead”

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

Remember the words the Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Let us pray for the offering,

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions—signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us—Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)

(Financial Offerings can be placed in dropbox located in the New Narthex)

OFFERTORY “Seasons”

Robbie and Annabeth Carnes

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**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 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. Amen.

HYMN #463 “How Firm a Foundation”

CHARGE - based on Colossians 3:12-14

As God’s own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, and patience, forgiving each other

as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all these things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

BENEDICTION “Dona Nobis”

POSTLUDE

Peace be with you!

...and also with you!