

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday after Epiphany

Good morning! We wish God's grace and peace to you as we worship this morning. During the welcome, please sign the registration pads. If you are a first time visitor, we welcome you this morning and pray you have a meaningful worship time with us. (CCLI 1765953)

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Ministers – The Congregation
Pastor – Mark Chow

GATHERING FOR CELEBRATION

WORSHIP CHIMES

Tony Merry

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INVOCATION

Pastor Mark

PRELUDE "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

J. S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAISE

*HYMN 404 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*OPENING PRAYER "Transfiguration"

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. Amen.

ANTHEM "In the Presence of Jehovah" G. Davis
Grace Chancel Choir

As the children come forward, the congregation may sing: "10,000 Reasons"

Bless the Lord, oh, my soul, oh, my soul. Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, oh, my soul. I worship Your holy name.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Christy Swope / Dana Christine Swope
(Children will go downstairs for KidsOwnWorship)

CELEBRATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Matthew 17:1-9 Cindy Lawyer

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Pastor Mark Chow

SHINE!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader – We have seen Jesus, dazzling in glory. We have heard the voice of God, calling us to listen to him. And we have been terrified.

But Jesus has come and touched us, and told us, "Get up! Be not afraid."

We may not be able to explain what we've seen and heard to others.

But we know the voice of the one who calls us.

And part of his call to us is to pray.

All – Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Leader – For all who are terrified today, for whatever reason: illness, oppression, abuse, war, other threats of violence against themselves or those they love:

All – Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Leader – For all who are rejoicing today, for whatever reason: birth, health, friendship, love, blossoming, joy unspeakable in your presence:

All – Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Leader – With all who hunger and all who seek to feed them; with all who need medical attention, and all who provide it; with the good earth, and all who work with soil and water to provide the food we eat.

All – Give us this day our daily bread.

Leader – With all who have wronged us personally, or wronged our nation, or our people, or the earth, or other creatures, or anyone we know or love:

All – And forgive us our trespasses and we forgive those who trespass against us.

Leader – With all whose lives are a constant trial and those whose actions or inactions fail to help them:

All – And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Leader – With all among us who have today committed to learn to follow in your way in the weeks ahead, or learn to follow you more nearly, and with all of us who will accompany one another in this journey, we lift our prayers and praise:

All – For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH OUR GIFTS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR TITHES TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Präludium" R. Bibl

*DOXOLOGY 94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING Cindy Lawyer

GOING FORTH TO CELEBRATE

*HYMN 206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*BENEDICTION "Dialog" R.Schulz-Widmar

POSTLUDE

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by the Merrys in honor of Margaret's mother, Patricia Gizzi, on her 85th birthday.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY -- Sunday School – 21

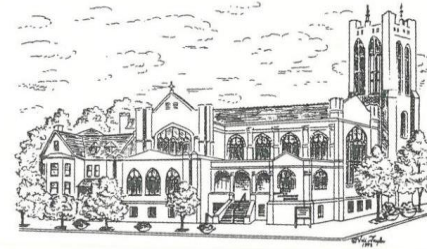
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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

February 26 Debbie O'Neal
 February 27 Morgan Hines, Bryan Melsheimer
 February 29 Cole Graham, Tom Peters
 March 1 Michael Beach, Elden Hudson, Katie Graham, Kylee Lasure, Linda Swan
 March 2 David Mortimer

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**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

Sunday, February 26		
Monday, February 27	6:30 p.m.	Grief Share – Parlor
Tuesday, February 28	5:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership Team – Parlor
	7:00 p.m.	Yoga –
Wednesday, March 1	11:30 a.m.	OWLS – Fellowship Hall
	NO	Bell Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary
Thursday, March 2	6:30 p.m.	Women's Book Study – Classroom
Friday, March 3	6:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Parlor
	1:00 p.m.	World Day of Prayer – St. Paul's AME Church
Saturday, March 4	8:15 a.m.	Early Service – Fellowship Hall
Sunday, March 5	9:00-10:15	Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall
	9:15-10:15	Sunday School – all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Service – Central Trinity UMC

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The Great Invitation

Today we conclude the Great Invitation series, in which the focus has been on sharing our faith with others. During this time we have invited others to “come and see” Who Jesus is, what following Him means, and what He teaches about life. Today we focus on the Transfiguration of our Lord and consider how we might be light bearers for Jesus.

Thank you to Joyce Cooper and our Praise Team for leading the music.

8:15 a.m. Worship Celebration**Gathering for Celebration**

“Our God”

Celebration Through Praise**Celebration Through God's Word**

Scripture – Matthew 17:1-9

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.Message – *Shine!* — Pastor Mark Chow**Celebration Through Our Gifts**

Prayers of the People

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

“Be Thou My Vision”

Going Forth to Celebrate

“Hymn to Joy”

Grief Share is a seminar and support group at Grace Church for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them. The next Grief Share series begins TOMORROW [Mon., February 27] at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. It is open to anyone in the community. For more information and/or to register, please contact the church office (452-9317).

VISION STATEMENT for Grace Church

GRACE WILL Gather to worship God — Grow spiritually — Go serve and make disciples

FOOD DRIVE [through 2/19/17] — \$5,230