FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

February 11, 2024, at 10:00am TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

"God Is Calling through the Whisper"

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

"The Light of the World Is Jesus"

"Holy Ground"

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for your voice this day Speak to us, Holy One. Come into this place alongside us. **Amen.**

CHIMES

PRELUDE

"With Trumpets and Horns" (Handel)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 50:1, 3; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Mark 9:7

The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

Out of the cloud, God speaks:

This is my beloved Son; listen to him!

*OPENING HYMN #192

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" (Kendrick)

CALL TO CONFESSION

God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect; God alone is judge. Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us. Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you—to hide our faces, to hide our sin—yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you—in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops—yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our God comes and does not keep silence. God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child. This is the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*HYMN #582 "Glory to

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" (Vasile)

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please exchange these words with your neighbors: "The peace of the Lord be with you." "And also with you."

REFLECTION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Reverend Rose McCurdy

DUET "Blessed Assurance" (Arr. DeCesare) (Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-12

SECOND READING Mark 9:2-9

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Reverend Rose McCurdy

*HYMN #693 "The Gift of Love" (English Folk Melody)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"God Himself Is with Us" (Neander)

*DOXOLOGY #606

Genevan Psalter

PASTORAL PRAYER/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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #340

"This Is My Song" (Sibelius)
(February Hymn of the Month)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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