

Covenant Congregational Church

Transfiguration Sunday

Service of Worship February 26, 2017 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>Living for Jesus</i>	arr. Turner
INTROIT	<i>Deo Gratias</i>	Bailey
WELCOME		Pastor Jason Mohn

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you are righteous,
Transform us by your Word!
Your judgments are upright,
Transform us by your Word!
Your precepts are unforgettable,
Transform us by your Word!
Give us understanding and we will live,
Reform us, reconcile us, transform us by your Word!

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

*UNISON PRAYER OF TRANSFIGURATION

**Oh Lord, You call us to go to the mountain top with you
And we follow, not quite sure of what is to happen, but we like mountain tops,
we like the view from up here, we like mountain top experiences.
Lord, sometimes we need mountain top experiences with you
when our days are dark and dreary, when our hearts are heavy,
when the valleys seem more depressing than ever.
Lord, may this mountain top experience fill our hearts with your light,
may we be filled with your love, may we be filled with hope.
Lord, just as Moses and your disciples were changed by their experiences
we too are changed and transformed into the image of Christ by your mercy.
Lord, may we have unveiled faces that reflect your love,
your hope, and your light. Amen**

JOYFUL NOISE *Bolingo* arr. Gallina

THE WORD OF GOD Amanda Gauthier

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 NIV (Old Testament page 70)

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

¹³Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 NIV (New Testament page 18)

¹⁷After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*HYMN *Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord* Insert

(Children K through 3rd grade are dismissed to Junior Church at this time)

SERMON The Holy Quest For Momentum: How Is Your Walk with Jesus?
Pastor Jason O. Mohn

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Choral Anthem *The Prayer with Lead Us Lord* arr. Fettke

*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 *Holy Ground* 509, 510

This is typically a gathering hymn, but let us remember today that we stand always on Holy Ground. The Lord has called us to be transformed and to go out and do His work!

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Threefold Amen* Danish

*POSTLUDE *Praise to the Almighty God* Paxton

*Please stand in praise to God, if able
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Thank you for participating in our worship gathering! We are glad that you are here this morning and pray that this might be a meaningful faith-building experience for you and/or your family. To more deeply connect with this faith community, we invite you to stay following our worship gathering and enjoy a time of refreshments and fellowship in our Fireside Room and Narthex.



**Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.
Exodus 24:17-18**

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