

Sunday, February 7, 2016

9:00 a.m.

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

PRELUDE: Built on a Rock, Kirkken DEN ER ET GAMMELT US,  
arr. Nancy Raabe

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

**People: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth.**

Pastor: We ponder Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.

**All: Your name, O God, like Your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. He will be our guide forever.** (from Psalm 48)

\*HYMN 24 The God of Abraham Praise Leoni

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAYER, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Almighty God, we have no claim on Your love, no right to expect forgiveness. Yet You constantly reach out in love, eager to forgive and forget. Day after day, Your nature is to have mercy putting the past behind us and helping us to begin again.**

**We thank You for the awesomeness of Your love, and we ask for Your help in opening our lives to Your redeeming grace. Teach us to confess our sins, and to commit ourselves again to Your service, so that we may receive the cleansing, renewal and forgiveness that You alone can bring. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PROMISE OF NEW LIFE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 34: 29-35

SPECIAL MUSIC: A Waterbird, Gwyneth Walker  
Jessica Settineri, soprano

GOSPEL LESSON St. Luke 9: 28-36

\*HYMN 182 Transform Us Picardy

SERMON: "MOUNTAIN GLORY" Rev. Ernest Smart

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY I Never Saw A Moor Richard Person Thomas  
Jessica Settineri, soprano

THE DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*COMMUNION HYMN 385 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare O Waly Waly

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
(All are welcome at Christ's Holy Table)

COMMUNION MUSIC Simple Song, MASS, Leonard Bernstein  
Jessica Settineri, soprano

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using trespasses)

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN 595 Be Thou My Vision Slane

THE BENEDICTION (unison)

**May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above. Amen.**

POSTLUDE Bright and Glorious/Oh Morning Star  
DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLAU/WIE SCHOEN LEUCHTET  
arr Nancy Raabe

## ST. ANDREW'S CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

**MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF US ON THIS GRAND AND GLORIOUS DAY**

**THIS IS TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY.** Everyone is invited to appreciate its significance. It commemorates the occasion when Jesus took his closest friends, Peter, James and John, up to a solitary mountain, where his glory was revealed to them.

**WE ESPECIALLY WELCOME ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS** and invite them to sign the guest book located at the entrance of the Sanctuary and to join us for a light reception in the lounge after worship.

**WE ALSO WELCOME** guest soloist, Jessica Settineri, soprano

**EMPTY BOWLS PAINTING PARTY.** This event will be held TODAY in the Fellowship Hall after worship. Everyone is invited to join us. Children are also welcome. This program will help alleviate hunger in Baltimore. It is organized by St. Vincent De Paul. Barbara Pour will help guide us. Bowls will be provided for your artistic creations.

**OUR ASH WEDNESDAY GATHERING** will be held on February 10, 2016. A souper-supper meal will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are to be found on the lounge piano. At 7:00 p.m. we will hold a worship service, along with other Christian congregations who worship here.

**THE NEXT DELIGHTFUL BALTIMORE MUSICAL PROGRAM** will be held here on Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. Everyone is invited. A donation of \$10 is suggested. A real St. Valentine's treat.

**OUR SAINT ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB** will hold its next gathering on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. with a Lenten theme

**OUR NEXT P&R (PLANNING AND REVIEW) BOARD MEETING** will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The January meeting had to be cancelled at the request of "Mother Nature"!

**Thought for the Week Ahead:**

What have you done today that nobody except a Christian should do?  
The Christian Century

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