



Sunday, March 2, 2025

Transfiguration of the Lord



About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Luke 9:28-36

Greeters: Mary Lou & John Hershey, Pat & Dale Kershner, Joan Alexander and Linda Keener

Ushers: Leigh Shuman, Bob & Vicki Kutz, Matt Allen, Mike Eyster, Nancy Holtzapple, Joan Alexander

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

The Ray Family in honor of Betsy Ray
Rae Ann & Dick Entz in memory of loved ones

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

"Sweet By and By"
Arr. P. Young

Highland Bell Choir

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.
At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.*

Minute for Mission

Mission Trips

Pete Rothacker

Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Pastor: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

People: But the Lord will arise, and His glory will be seen upon you.

All: Let us behold the glory of Christ in this place!

*Opening Hymn #74

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

Children 5th grade and under are invited to attend Sunday School. Teachers are stationed at the main doors of the sanctuary and will walk the children to the children's classrooms in the Narthex. Parents/Guardians may pick up their children after the service in the classroom.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

God of glory and light, the desires, distractions, thoughts and temptations that plague us are already known to you. We ask you to remove whatever veils your glory from our hearts and minds. May we encounter you this day, our lives lighting up brightly with your love as we are transformed more and more into your likeness of your Son, our Savior and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: Do not be afraid. God's light has come into the world and has scattered the darkness; the morning star rises in our hearts. Rejoice! For God does not hold our sins against us, but embraces us as God's own beloved. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri #579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 9: 28-36

Message

"Blaze of Glory"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation To The Offering

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Offertory Anthem (text available on back page)

"He Lifted Me"
Mark Hayes

Highland Chancel Choir

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Invitation To The Lord's Table

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Matt Drumheller

**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.**

Words of Institution

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Distribution of Elements

*It is our custom at Highland to eat the bread as it is passed representing your individual relationship with God.
However, please hold the cup until all are able to partake together, representing our relationship as the body of Christ.*

Anthem

"Let Us Break Bread Together"
Arr. D. Wagner

Highland Bell Choir

Closing Prayer

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Going in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Congregational Response #485 (v.1) **"To God Be the Glory"**

Postlude

***PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

*MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST*

He Lifted Me - Mark Hayes

In loving Kindness Jesus came, my soul in mercy to reclaim
And from the depths of sin and shame, Thro grace He lifted me
From sinking sand, He lifted me, with tender hand He lifted me
From shades of night to plains of light, O praise His name, He lifted me!

He called me long before I heard, before my sinful heart was stirred
But when I took Him at His word, Forgiven He lifted me
From sinking sand, He lifted me, with tender hand He lifted me
From shades of night to plains of light, O praise His name, he lifted me

His brow was pierced with many a thorn, His hands by cruel nails were torn
When from my guilt and grief, forlorn, in love He lifted me.

Now on a higher plain I dwell, and with my soul I know 'tis well
Yet how or why, I cannot tell, He should have lifted me.
From sinking sand, He lifted me, with tender hand He lifted me,
From shades of night to plains of light, O praise His name, He lifted me.

Please be advised that services are recorded and you may be incidentally captured on video as part of the recording of the service. The back of the right side of the sanctuary as you enter is out of the range of the camera.

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.

FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.

Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

Video Recordings of the service can be found on the Highland website at www.HighlandPC.org

In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.