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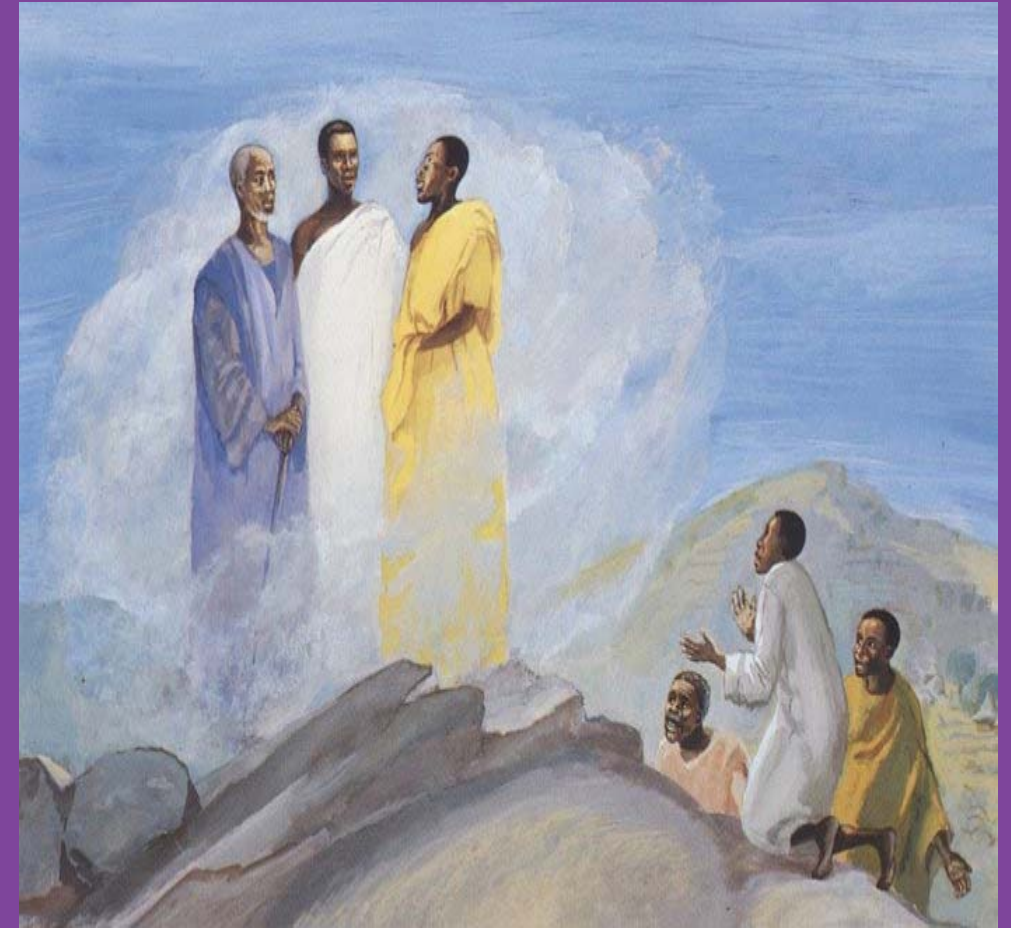
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Transfiguration Sunday



Sunday, February 19, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Please respect those gathering in prayer before worship.

Welcome to Worship! We are glad you are here.

Masks are recommended but not required.

Children are a treasured part of this community!

Please find a **Worship Adventure Packet** or a **Busy Box** at the tables in the foyers. Children are free to use these resources during the worship service as they sit in the pews or in the Wiggle Room.

For families who prefer to worship together in a more informal setting, the service may be seen and heard in the Wiggle Room (aka Brawley Room) adjacent to the sanctuary. Arts, crafts, books and other materials are also available there to engage younger children.

Please take a moment to turn your cell phone ringer off. Thank you!



Prelude	<i>Allegretto</i> - Florence B. Price	Christian Broughton
Gathering	<i>"Praise Song for the Day"</i> by Elizabeth Alexander	Pastor Anita Peebles
*Hymn	<i>We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding</i>	#182
Time with Children		Bonnie Bell
Presidential Prattle	Mike Zaugg, Council President	
Invitations to Involvement/Call to Giving/Call to Prayer		Daryl de la Cruz
*Prayer Hymn	<i>Glory, Glory Hallelujah</i>	Michaele Miller
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Anita Peebles
Anthem	<i>Days of Elijah</i> - David Angerman and Michael Barrett	Sanctuary Choir

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword;
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Refrain: Behold, He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee and out of Zion's hill, salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise.
Oh, these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard declaring the word of the Lord!
There is no god like Jehovah.

*If it is comfortable for you, please stand where indicated.

Scripture	Matthew 17:1-9	Pastor Anita Peebles
Sermon		Rev. Bianca Luna
*Hymn	<i>Swing Low Sweet Chariot</i>	see insert
Benediction		Rev. Bianca Luna
Postlude	<i>Festival March</i> - Michael Burkhardt	Christian Broughton



Notes for Today's Worship: Welcome to Rev. Bianca Luna! Rev. Luna is currently serving as Associate Pastor of Children's and Youth Ministry at Urban Grace Church in Tacoma, WA. Most recently after graduating with an MDiv from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2017, she served as the Associate Pastor of Campus Ministry at Grace Baptist Church in San Jose, CA.

Scripture is from Dr. Wilda C. Gafney, A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year A.

The poem in the opening words is Elizabeth Alexander, Praise Song for the Day (Graywolf Press, 2009). Ms. Alexander shared this poem for Barack Obama's inauguration in January 2009.

The cover art is Transfiguration by Jesus Mafa, a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings. In this theatrical representation of Jesus' transfiguration, Jesus is robed in a dazzling white garment, as the story in the gospels describes. He appears to be greeting Moses and Elijah like old friends as they are surrounded by a cloud that makes the whole scene feel ethereal. Peter, James, and John look on with flabbergasted and fearful expressions, bewildered at what they should do. **This painting invites** the viewer to imagine what it would be like to have seen such amazing things. Undoubtedly, it would inspire one to follow and obey Jesus, just as God commands in the story: "This is my son, the beloved. Listen to him!" JESUS MAFA. Transfiguration, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48307> [retrieved February 5, 2023]. Original source: <http://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr> (contact page: <https://www.librairie-emmanuel.fr/contact>).

Monday, February 20 is *President's Day*. The office will be closed in observance of this holiday.

The Ash Wednesday service will be at **6pm** in the Chapel on **Wednesday, February 22**. A **labyrinth** will be available in the Fellowship Hall from **6:30-8pm**.

Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Lent, February 26th, Rev. Davi Weasley preaching.

Visit our website to see the Spire newsletter for the Lenten season.