First Baptist Church at Worship

The Transfiguration of the Lord

March 3, 2019 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Assemble in God's Name

Greeting Austin Carty

Organ Voluntary

Wonder

setting by Gordon Young

With Peter, James and John, how our eyes with wonder gleam; The veil o'er Christ's true nature now parts in glory's beams.

Our hearts leap up with gladness; we fall upon our knees,

And God's voice rings from heaven, "With you I am well pleased."

- Phil Majors

Call to Worship

Austin Carty

We have seen the glory of God:

on the lofty mountain in joy; in the valleys of deep despair.

We have witnessed the light of Christ:

in the resurrection of the body; in the hope of reconciliation.

We have known the prodding of the Spirit:

with eyes that have been opened; with ears that have been unstopped.

We have seen the glory of God:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

+Hymn

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

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We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,

Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.

Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,

Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:

Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

- Lynn Shaw Bailey

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

+Act of Praise

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

- David Gambrell

Proclaim God's Word

Children's Sermon Alice Tremaine

Psalm 99 MARION



God is ruler;

Let the people tremble!

God sits enthroned upon the cherubim;

Let the earth quake!

Let them praise Your great and awesome name.

Holy is the Lord!

God spoke to them in the pillar of cloud;

They kept God's decrees and God answered them.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at God's holy mountain;

For the Lord our God is holy. REFRAIN

A Reading from the Epistles: II Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

Austin Carty

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 9:28-36

Paul Sims

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God

+Hymn 161

See Our Lord in All His Glory

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Sermon

"They Saw His Glory"

Austin Carty

Give Thanks to God

Anthem Christ Is the World's Light

by K. Lee Scott

Christ is the world's Light, Christ and none other;

Born in our darkness, He became our brother –

If we have seen Him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's Peace, Christ and none other;

No one can serve Him, and despise another.

Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high! (continued on page 3)

Christ is the world's Life, Christ and none other;

Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother –

He, who redeems us, reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other;

Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;

Give God the glory, God with us our Brother: Glory to God on high!

- Fred Pratt Green

The Celebration of Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(the Prayer of Thanksgiving continues)

...until the day when we may glimpse Your glory with unveiled faces at the holy feast in Your heavenly kingdom.

Amen.

Breaking the Bread; Lifting the Cup

The Communion of the People

please come forward by way of a center aisle, receive a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, then partake of the bread and wine; please return to your pew by way of a window aisle and be seated.

music during communion:

Christ, Be Our Light

by Bernadette Farrell





Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to You. Make us Your own, Your holy people, light for the world to see. **REFRAIN**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us. Make us Your living voice. **REFRAIN**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making Your kingdom come. **REFRAIN**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son;

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight and all the twinkling, starry host;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

- 17th century German hymn

The Peace Austin Carty

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+Hymn 349

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Jeff Tipton

Loose change received in March will benefit The Mustard Seed Garden

Organ Offertory

Great Redeemer, We Adore Thee

setting by Charles Callahan

When we see Thee in Thy beauty, as Thou art, so we shall be....

- John Roy Harris

+Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Go in God's Name

+Commission Austin Carty

Go forth, unafraid, to witness to God's power and love,

for you have seen the glory of God shining in the face of Christ.

In awe and wonder, we will serve God with boldness. Alleluia. Amen.

Organ Postlude

My God, How Wonderful You Are

setting by Anna Laura Page

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Gayle Majors, Organist

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