

**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Sunday, February 14, 2021**



Iesu transfigurato, 1964 watercolor/gouache/paper, private collection  
Salvador Dalí (1904-1989) Spanish

**Faith Presbyterian Church  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich**

**Joys and Concerns**

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Prelude *Amazing Grace***

arr. Adolphus Hailstork  
(b. 1941)

One: We gather to find strength for these days –

**All: Courage and hope for tomorrow.**

One: In confidence we rest in God's sustaining grace,

**All: Which makes possible triumph in defeat, gain in loss, and love in hate.**

One: We rejoice this day to say –

**All: Our little lives, our big problems, these we place before God in worship.**

Hymn 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession inspired by Rev. M. Barclay, *Enfleshed, Prayer for Valentine's Day*

Love embraces everyone, every creature, every creation.

It knows us intimately. It holds us collectively.

Love transcends every boundary that seeks to confine it.

It will not tolerate violence in its name.

It does no harm.

It only sets free.

When we have acted in ways that are not loving, and been motivated by other interests, forgive us.

Help us love generously, love through solidarity, and love by holding accountable and inviting accountability. May we love ourselves, share love with others, and receive love in return.

We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*

WAYFARING STRANGER

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" on the first staff; "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!" on the second staff; and "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" on the third staff. Chords are indicated above the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em on the second staff; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E on the third staff.

Assurance of Grace

verse 1

1 Know that God is good. Know that  
 2 Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le,  
 Mu - ngu ni mwe - ma. Mu - ngu

God is good. Know that God is good;  
 hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah,  
 ni mwe - ma. Mu - ngu ni mwe - ma,

God is good; God is good.  
 hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.  
 ni mwe - ma, ni mwe - ma.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**A Moment with Faith Kids**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** Psalm 30

A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the temple. Of David.  
 I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,  
 and did not let my foes rejoice over me.  
 O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
 and you have healed me.  
 O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
 restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
 and give thanks to his holy name.  
 For his anger is but for a moment;

his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
'I shall never be moved.'  
By your favor, O Lord,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried,  
and to the Lord I made supplication:  
'What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?  
Will the dust praise you?  
Will it tell of your faithfulness?  
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!  
O Lord, be my helper!'

You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,  
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever

**Music** *Song without words (Pleading)*

Florence Price  
(1887-1953)

**Gospel Reading** Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the word of God, for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Transformation*

**Rev. Goodrich**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Hymn 66** Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

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## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

## Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory** *It's Me, O Lord*

Betty Jackson King  
(b. 1928)

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

### SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

**Hymn 750** *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

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## Charge & Benediction

**Postlude** *Variations on "Nettleton"*

Undine S. Moore  
(1904-1989)

## Passing of the Peace

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor**  
**Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist**  
**Krista Wallace, Liturgist**  
**Karen Burd, Zoom Moderator**

## Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

# 66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

*Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's

2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so

bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

*to Refrain*

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

TEXT: African American spiritual  
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Joseph T. Jones, 20th cent.; adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989  
 Music Adapt. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

# Goodness Is Stronger than Evil 750

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.

Vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is ours  
Oh, vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is

through God who loves us. us.  
ours through God who loves us. us.

Recognizing that this text arose from the years of apartheid in South Africa adds depth and resonance to its already confident language. Yet these words can also be read as a summary of Christ's death and resurrection, the true basis of our hope that good will triumph over evil.

TEXT: Desmond Tutu, c. 1994  
MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1996  
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GOODNESS IS STRONGER  
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