

February 14, 2010, 9:15 am - Fresh Spirit - Transfiguration Sunday

"I see the God in you. I greet the God in you."
Bill Wallace, New Zealand

As you gather for worship,
please introduce yourself to those around you.
There are no strangers in God's house.

CALL TO WORSHIP *We Ever Will Praise You* Angus McDonell

(Refrain)
We ever will praise you, we ever will sing
Sweet psalms of joy to you, our King.
O Maker of heaven, of earth and the sea,
Sweet psalms of joy we ever will sing.

Happy are those whose helper is
The Lord who ever was and ever more shall be.
All who are blind, well they shall see,
The prisoners set free, the hungry they shall eat. *(Refrain)*

Blessed are those whose hope is in the Lord,
The lowly shall be raised, the fatherless sustained.
Loved are the ones who live in righteousness,
The widowed and the orphaned – they are not forsaken. *(Refrain)*

We ever will praise your name.
We ever will praise your name.
We ever will praise your name.

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WELCOME

REFLECTION FOR PEACE

GATHERING THE PEOPLE

One: We gather as the faithful of God,
we come to listen to what God has to say to us.

All: *God has invited us to this place;*
may our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.

One: We gather as the faithful of God,
people of the new covenant of hope and promise.

All: *We boldly enter into the presence of God,*
hoping to be transformed into new people.

One: We gather as the faithful of God,
our fears melting away in the heart of God.

All: *We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit,*
we come to praise God's holy name.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING SONG (see back panel) *All Are Welcome* Marty Haugen

RENEWING THE COVENANT

One: O God, give us grace to lift up our eyes from the routine and
everyday,

All: *To grasp a vision of your awesome creative majesty.*

One: O God, give us grace to stand back from the familiar
friendships and family ties,

All: *To see the worth of each person in your sight.*

One: O God, give us grace to lift up our eyes from "the way things
have always been,"

All: *To see them transformed by your radiant presence.*

One: O God, give us grace to carefully consider our priorities,

All: *And measure them against the priorities of wholeness and com-
passion highlighted for us by Jesus Christ.*

-----Time for silent reflection-----

One: The view from the mountaintop is awe inspiring,
but we cannot remain there.

All: *In our careful reflection and our deliberate confession,*
we come down to earth.

One: We are ready for new opportunities, new ventures,
and fresh responsibilities. Pardon and peace are ours.

All: *Thanks be to God! Amen.*

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN

OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG *Lead Me, Lord* John D. Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
And the meek shall come to rule the world.

(Refrain)
Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth
To seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord,
And lead me, Lord, today.

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
And the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
For I say they shall be satisfied. *(Refrain)*

Blest are they who through their lifetimes
sow the seeds of peace;
All will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
For in heaven, great is your reward. *(Refrain)*
...and lead me, Lord, today.

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DOXOLOGY

We thank you God for all you have given.
Now we return a portion to you -
For all that we have, and all that we are,
We bring our gifts, and thank you God for life.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17:1-8 CEV

Six days later Jesus took Peter and the brothers James and John with him.
They went up on a very high mountain where they could be alone. There in
front of the disciples, Jesus was completely changed. His face was shining
like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

All at once Moses and Elijah were there talking with Jesus. So Peter said to
him, "Lord, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three shelters, one for
you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While Peter was still speaking, the shadow of a bright cloud passed over
them. From the cloud a voice said, "This is my own dear Son, and I am
pleased with him. Listen to what he says!" When the disciples heard the
voice, they were so afraid that they fell flat on the ground. But Jesus came
over and touched them. He said, "Get up and don't be afraid!" When they
opened their eyes, they saw only Jesus.

SERMON *The Way Home* Rev. Thomas D. York

FOCUS SONG (see insert) *It's Amazing* Tony Congi

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
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, for ever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG (see insert) *Go Out and Tell* BobbyFisher/Greg Lee

BLESSING THE PEOPLE

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Sources for today's liturgy: Gathering - Thom Shuman, *Lectionary Worship*
Aids, Series VIII, Cycle A.; Renewing the Covenant - David Sparks, *Prayers*
to Share, Year C.

If you feel called to serve God by researching, writing or speaking liturgy in
future services, please feel free to talk with any of the worship leaders or
drop a note in the offering plate.

Fresh Spirit Prayer Request cards and offering envelopes are available in
the black fellowship pad folders. If you have a prayer request, concern or
joy you wish to share, please fill out a card and place it in the offering
bags. All concerns and joys are welcome!

Notes from Today's Sermon

"Most Christians seemed almost hostile in their belief that they were saved
and you weren't."
~ Anne Lamott

We want the church to be more inclusive, more biblical, more relevant,
more Christo-centric, friendlier....

"All that we would have left would be each other and Christ, which was all
there was in the first place."
~ Frederick Buechner

Jesus leads them back down to the valley, to the people, the clamoring
crowds, to the dirt and sickness and injustice and the joy and ecstasy and
delight of human life; down to a sick boy and his frantic father.

"Later I discovered and am still discovering up to this very moment that it is
only by living completely in the world that one learns to believe."
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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To Our Guests and Visitors

Welcome!

Welcome to Knox Presbyterian Church! We invite you to join us whenever we are gathered for worship: 9:15 am (Knox Commons); 11:00 am (Sanctuary), education, fellowship or service. Join us also for coffee hour between the 9:15 and 11:00 am services in the Knox Commons. Visitor information is available at the rear of Knox Commons, in the narthex and in the Michigan Avenue lobby. If you have questions, look for members wearing badges, or call Tom York or Jana Reister in the church office, 321-2573.

Parking for Sunday Services

Parking can sometimes present challenges for those attending worship services or participating in other Knox events. In addition to the parking area off Michigan Avenue, we now have 13 additional parking spaces off Observatory Ave. On Sundays we are asking that the Observatory spaces be saved for use by individuals who are physically challenged. A map of available parking may be found on our website: www.knox.org

Restrooms

Men's and women's restrooms are available on the sanctuary level and on the basement level at the far north end of the building. Please follow the posted signs to their location.

Coatroom

The coatroom can be found off the Observatory Road narthex.

Caring for Children

Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered at 9:15 and 11:00 am during worship services. Please ask an usher or the Deacon on-duty in the Michigan Avenue lobby for directions to the nursery and childcare rooms.

Sunday School

At 9:15 am, Sunday School is available for children ages 3 years through grade 6. At 11:00 am, classes are held for children and youth ages 3 years old through 12th grade. Please check the bulletin insert for information about weekly Adult Education classes.

Hearing Enhancement Equipment Available

Hearing enhancement equipment is available to help you hear the service at 9:15 and 11:00 am. An usher would be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to an usher. Thank you!

Mobile Phones

Please turn off mobile phones, pagers and other mobile devices before the service begins. Thank you!

Printed Copies of Sermons

Printed copies of Sunday sermons are available at no cost. You will find them in the narthex (at the rear of the sanctuary) and in the Michigan Avenue lobby on Monday mornings.

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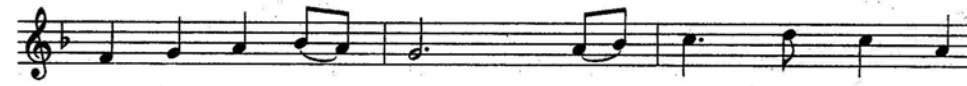


All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of



faith - and vault of grace; Here the
sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
im - age of God's face; Let us
faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come



in this place.

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We are a joyful community



of Christian faith...

A growing reflection of God's love.

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