

P O M P T O N R E F O R M E D C H U R C H

Our Vision: A world where all experience and share the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Transformation Sunday

February 11, 2018

(*Please stand if you are able)

10:00 a.m.

... THE APPROACH TO GOD...

Prelude

Greeting/Prayer

Gathering Music Hymn # 42 (Green) *We Bow Down*

Call to Worship

Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.

Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.

Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you.

AMEN

***Opening Hymn # 99 (Blue)** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Unison Prayer of Confession:

We want to celebrate. We don't want to listen. We want to stay on the mountaintop with Jesus and set up a festival where everyone can come and play and have a good time. We want our faith to be one of entertainment. But you have called us to "Listen to Him!" You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive us, Lord, when we are stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us from the mountaintop to go to the valley where this is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to you. Heal us, Lord. For we ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

Choral Response: # 730 *People Need The Lord*

Words of Assurance

Psalm 121

I lift my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

God’s Way of Living

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about THESE things.

Congregational Response: *“Think About His Love”*

“Think about His love, think about His goodness.
Think about His grace that’s brought us through.
For as high as the Heavens above,
so great is the measure of our Father’s love,
great is the measure of our Father’s love.”

Ministry of Music

“The Potter’s Hand”

Chancel Choir

Church Life

Young Disciples’ Time

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Hymn # 115 *Fairest Lord Jesus* (v 1,3 & 4)

***Doxology # 230 (Green)** *We Are An Offering*

***Offering Prayer**

...THE WORD OF GOD...

Scripture Lesson: Mark 9:2-9
Sermon: Where does YOUR Story Begin?

...OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD...

***Affirmation of Faith:**

We believe in Jesus Christ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

Prayer Requests

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn # 145 (Green)** *There is a Redeemer*

***Benediction**

Postlude

Following Worship please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Guest Minister: Rev. Jim Knol
Pastoral Leader: Rev. Mel Van Hattem
Liturgist: Elaine Peacock
Music Director: Patricia Kitchell
Organist: Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director: Janine Maletsky
Nursery Caregivers: Abigail Wyckoff and Christin Warner

Ushers: Jeff Anders - co-captain, George Buckman - co-captain, Barbara Buckman, Dan Douma, and Emil Scarmazzo

Today's Scripture Lesson Mark 9:2-9 (nrsv)

The Transfiguration

²Six 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, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one^[a] on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings,^[b] one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved;^[c] listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.⁹ 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.

2018 Consistory

Deacons

George Buckman
Barbara Chickey
Elizabeth Hanisch
Vincent Iraggi
Carolee Quant
Marianne Wall

Elder Care Teams

Sue Uhlendorf 973-839-6391 (A - C)
Barbara Pierce 973-513-9353 (D - G)
Mark Warner 973-349-6539 (H - L)
Nancy Begin 973-632-2696 (M - Pi)
Elaine Peacock 973-839-5476 (Po - S)
Eva Terhune 973-835-6982 (T - W)

You are invited to speak with your Elder representative about any concerns or suggestions you have related to church life.