

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday February 11, 2024
Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion
Theme: Crossing Over



“Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out to the Jordan and camped before crossing over.” Joshua 3:1

GATHERING

Prelude: “Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken” Gilbert Martin

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 50: 1-6

Leader: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Leader: God’s glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, as Elisha, are not ready to encounter glory. And yet, God’s glory showed up anyway.

People: Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus’ transfiguration and want to cling to glorious moments.

Leader: Indeed, the heavens declare the glory of God, and the earth shows God’s handiwork. Yet, God called them down from the mountain to continue their journey on earth.

People: So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, some of us expecting the usual.

Leader: Yet, all of us are called to open our eyes to the dazzling presence of God in our midst, then from this worship out into the world led by God’s glory.

People: Inspired by past prophets and faithful disciples, may we perceive God’s glory around us, pointing us in the way God would have us go.

*Hymn: #327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

*Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, be with us today in our worship. Stay with us always, not only in our worship, but as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage. Take our weariness and give us rest. Take our hesitations and turn them to confidence. As your glory shines in the face of Christ, so shine in our hearts and lives. May your name be praised, glorious God! AMEN

The Assurance – Sung Response #654

“In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God:
Don’t be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.”

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “In Remembrance of Me” Buryl Red

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: **“Crossing Thresholds”**

*Hymn: #533 “In the Singing”

The Sacrament of Communion

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

As we offer our tithes and offerings, may these gifts reflect the warming light of your love in our lives and to others. Just as Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, may our hearts be transformed, and our actions reflect the love and truth Jesus embodies. Bless our giving and use it to bring your divine light to a world in need. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, we pray. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

*Hymn: #358 "Steal Away"

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #542 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude: "One Lord, One Faith, One Body" Douglas Wagner

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Family this week: Stephanie & Sean Gray, Seth & Sean

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Ken Kreider
who died February 6, 2002**

Given by Barb, Greg, Ken, and Kevin High

Announcements

Chancel Choir will rehearse following worship this morning.

Lent begins this Wednesday. Ashes will be available for drive-in meditation in the parking lot beginning at noon. Worship in the sanctuary, including the administration of ashes, begins at 7:00 p.m.

Our **Lenten Study** begins February 25 and continues thru March 17. Before the study, we will have a light meal of soup and bread. If you are able to supply soup, please sign up in the Narthex.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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