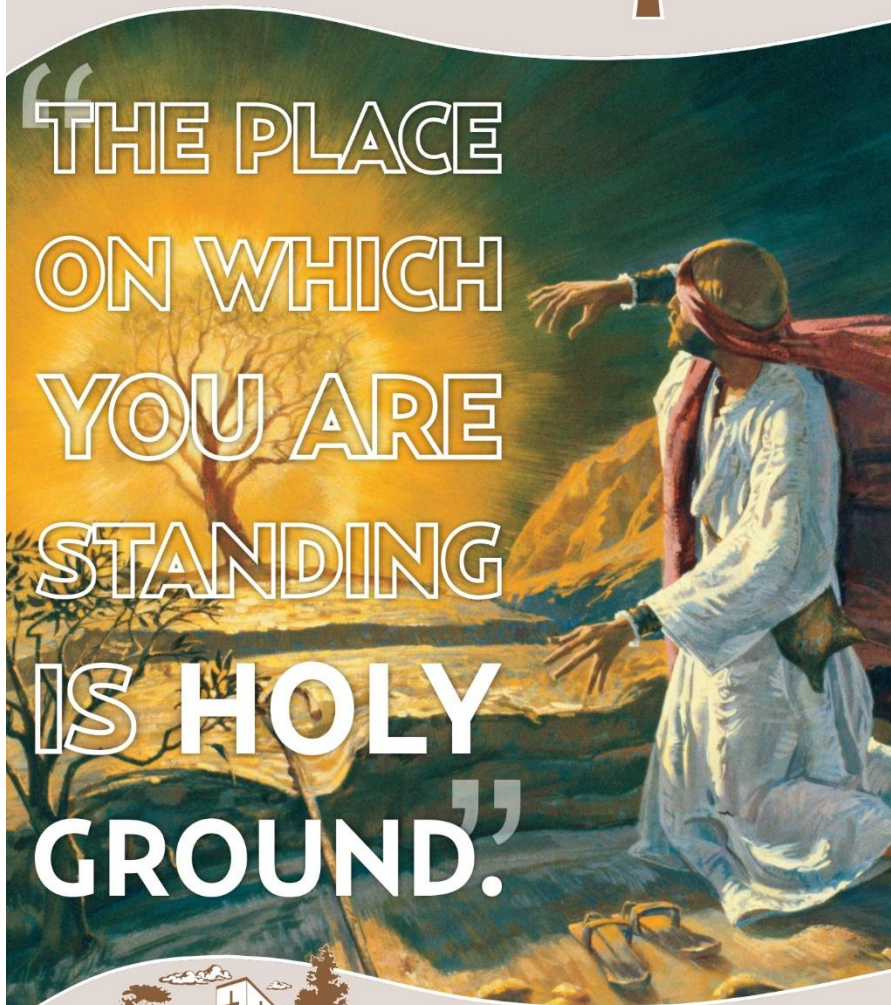


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Transfiguration



“THE PLACE  
ON WHICH  
YOU ARE  
STANDING  
IS HOLY  
GROUND.”



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #250

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** ♪ **Amen.**

**P** Pastor

### **Confession of Our Sins**

**C** **Congregation**

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*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

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**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** ♪ **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **Absolution from Our God**

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*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)*

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**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** ♪ **Amen.**

## The Introit

Ps. 99:1-5, 9

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

- P** Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!
- C** **The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**
- P** The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.
- C** **Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!**
- P** The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- C** **Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!**
- P** Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy!

## The Gloria Patri

WS #798:1

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father."*

- C** ♪ **God, we praise You, God, we bless You! God, we name You sov'reign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory; Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"**

## Collect Prayer of the Day

*A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.*

- P** O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ **Amen.**



## **Matthew 17:1-9**

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup> And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." <sup>8</sup> And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. <sup>9</sup> And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

## **2 Peter 1:16-21**

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," <sup>18</sup> we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.*

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**I BELIEVE...**

**in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn: WS #719**

*"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"*



**Exodus 3:1-6**

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

**How to Identify "Holy Ground"**

- I. It's a place where God reveals Himself
  - II. It's a place to depart *from* and not arrive at
- It's a place where sinners are sanctified

## The Offertory

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- C** ♪ *Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #215

*"Draw Us to Thee"*

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** ♪ *And with thy spirit.*

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** ♪ *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, Our God.

**C** ♪ *It is meet and right so to do.*

**P** It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C** ♪ *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.*

### The Words of Institution

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

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**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### The Order of Holy Communion



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** *♩ Amen.*

## The Agnus Dei

*Latin phrase meaning, "Lamb of God."*

**C** *♩ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

### Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

### ✠ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper ✠

#### The Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29-32*

**C** *♩ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant Depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation; Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.*

#### The Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C** *♩ Amen, amen, a – men.*

**Hymn: TLH #135**

*"'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"*

<b>February 12<sup>th</sup> Offerings:</b>	\$ 1,217.75
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,661.54
General Fund Balance	\$20,080.86
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$30,478.95
<b>Total Cash All Funds</b>	<b>\$65,895.65</b>

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**Mon Mark 10:35-45** Jesus has just told His disciples for the third time that He will be mocked, condemned, crucified, and raised. Their reaction? Forget the suffering. What about special positions in His glory? He patiently teaches them that among them the greatest would serve, just as He, their Master, was serving them!

**Tues 1 Corinthians 1:21-25** Paul contrasts God's wisdom with human wisdom, God's power with human power. In both cases, the difference is huge. God's foolishness (the Gospel of forgiveness in Christ) is above the highest human wisdom and God's weakness is above the greatest human strength!

**Wed 1 Corinthians 1:26-31** In the Corinthians' own congregation it could be seen that neither human wisdom nor human religiousness had brought them to find salvation in Jesus Christ, but it was God who gave them wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption in Him (v30).

**Thurs Jeremiah 8:4-7** What strange reaction for God's people to have! Even the migratory birds find their way back home again, but God's chosen people fall and do not get up, stray and do not return home. Truly it is only by God's power that humans repent and are returned to God.

**Fri Jeremiah 8:8-9** The prophet Jeremiah also sees the contrast of which Paul spoke (1Co1:25), that the wise men are put to shame (v9). The word of the LORD, which the "wise" of this world call foolishness, is wiser than the greatest human wisdom.

**Sat John 11:47-57** Another strange reaction. When the chief priests and Pharisees hear how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, they decide that Jesus must be killed. He is a threat to their positions. After this meeting the end of any trial He may have is a foregone conclusion. The many coming to the feast hoping to see Jesus are in stark contrast to the leaders who hope to arrest Him.