Southminster Presbyterian Church



A Service for the Worship of God Transfiguration of the Lord February 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (Scout Sunday)

<u>PREPARATION</u> We invite you to light your Christ Candle at home as we light it during worship.

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

#### **Call to Worship**

One: Within all things, behind the gray surface, there is a glory escaping, born of heaven–

All: a light that welcomes a more profound way of seeing things and transfigures the world.

## One: It is a glory that meets us wherever we encounter Christ, covered in the dust of the world, and whenever we find ourselves caught up in the glory of heaven.

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Jim Pera

Grayson Atkins, Boy Scout

# All: May God's light, shining in the face of Christ, illumine all our days!

**Hymn** # 662

"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies" *Please join our soloist in singing the hymns.*  Cari Sullivan

in unison

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we come into the light of your presence with our minds veiled. We think we want to see you face to face, and yet we are afraid that you might ask us to change. You might tell us that we can't stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. Forgive us, God, and help us to listen to your voice. Open our eyes to the transforming work you are doing in and around us in the name of love. Grant us a new birth of spirit, that we might be instruments of your healing and peace.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession) Amen.

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

- *One:* We are God's children, the beloved of God's heart. God speaks words of healing and hope to us, if we only listen.
- All: On mountaintops and in valleys, in our hopes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves.
- *One:* By God's mercy, we are forgiven; we are made whole; and we are equipped to serve others in Christ's name.
- All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### **Response to Forgiveness**

#### "Gloria, Gloria"

Hymn # 583

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia

#### **Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

<u>Hearing God's Word</u>

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** 

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Children's Time

Anthem

"Shine, Jesus Shine" Vocal Ensemble

*Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong* 

Graham Kendrick arr. Mark Hayes

Josh Sweeney

Scripture Reading	Mark 9:2-9	Josh Sweeney
Sermon	"History, Holiness, and Hope"	Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong
	<u>Responding to God's Word</u>	
<b>Hymn</b> # 190	"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"	verses 1 and 3
Moment for Mission	Boy Scouts of America, Miami Valley Cour	ncil Eric Flasher
Presentation of Offerings		Josh Sweeney
<b>Presentation Hymn</b> # 647	"Give Thanks"	

# **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

# 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, forever. Amen.

<b>Hymn</b> # 666	"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"	verses 1,2, and 4
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong
Postlude		Jim Pera



The flowers are given in honor of Gayle Frank's birthday, today, by her daughter, Darlene Irwin.