

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SAINT GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Engagement  
Serve  
participation Affirming  
Transformative  
Inclusive Engage Vibrant  
discipleship  
Cultivate Welcoming meet  
Programs Spark  
Saint Giles  
Open Vision serving  
Faith church activities  
God, Ministries  
Relationship  
embrace nurturing  
Everyone  
Purposeful

**PRELUDE**

*Toccata in E Minor*

Johann Pachelbel

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SILENCE**

**GATHERING SONG**

***Come and Fill Our Hearts***

***Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: It is good to be here in this sacred moment,  
**Many: in the shelter of God's love and hope.**  
One: It is good to be here, even virtually, with folks we know well, as well as  
with new friends,  
**Many: joining with all of God's beloved, sisters and brothers of  
Jesus.**  
One: It is good to be in this moment, where we can hear God's voice,  
**All: calling us to be eyewitnesses to the Spirit's presence.**

**HYMN # 13**

***The Might God, With Power Speaks***

***The Mighty God with power speaks,  
and all the world obeys;  
from dawn until the setting sun,  
God's wonder earth displays.  
The perfect beauty all around  
from Zion's height shines forth;  
and stars across the firmament  
so brightly beam their worth.***

***God comes not with a silent form,  
but riding on the winds;  
before God's face, the raging storm  
its blast of thunder sends.  
All hail the Judge, in bold array,  
whose promise is to bless;  
who sees our sins, yet also feels  
our thirst for righteousness.***

***The heavens declare your justice, Lord,  
as endless as the sky;  
against the taunts of disbelief,  
our God will testify.  
Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks,  
as honor to your might;  
refresh my faith with each new day;  
protect me through the night.***

**PSALM**

PSALM 50:1-6

The mighty one, God the Lord,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.  
He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:  
“Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”  
The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge. *Selah*

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are people  
who have preferred our wills to God’s will. Accepting God’s power to become new  
persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal God, we confess that we do not expect and long for the  
transforming power of your love to work miracles in these hard hearts  
of ours. Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle, to relieve  
us of the responsibilities and the challenges you set before us. Healing  
Spirit, renew our confidence in your power and in the power of love to  
change our lives, and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons  
Christ calls us to be. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is  
freedom.

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though  
reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one  
degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. In Jesus  
Christ we are forgiven and transformed!

**All: Thanks be to God**

## COMMISSIONING OF TRANSITION TEAM

Leader: We are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today we commission Caroline Tatum-Carter, Erin Wilber, Leslie Pressel, Matt Morgan, and Cindy Hemminger to a special ministry to which they are called.

Leader: As members of this congregation's Transition Team, you have been chosen to facilitate a self-study process which will engage the congregation in reflecting upon its heritage, mission, leadership, connections, and future. Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the glory of God and the benefit of members of this congregation?

Team members: I will faithfully fulfill the duties of the Transition Team to the glory of God and for the benefit of the members of St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

Leader: Members of St. Giles, will you support the Transition Team with your prayers and active participation in the work they will lead during this time of transition?

**Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

### GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN # 12

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

verses 1, 2, & 4

***Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.***

***Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.***

***Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Word of God calls us to see that all the places and occasions of the world, even places of sorrow and death, are transfigured by the presence of the glory of God in Christ Jesus. Let us now call to mind all who are in any need and commend them to God's transforming care, using the response,

**“O merciful God, hear our prayer.”**

For those who are alone, for widows, widowers, and all those who are alone,  
**O merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For the imprisoned, for those whose only home is the streets, and for those caught in addiction, **O merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For the hungry, for those who cannot feed their children, and for the unemployed, and underemployed, **O merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For refugees, for victims of warfare, and for those held in poverty by racial discrimination, **O merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For the people of our nation, our city, and our community,  
**O merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For artists and writers and for all who think on the edge of society,  
**O merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For the church and its leaders, formed by the life-giving Word of Christ,  
**O merciful God, hear our prayer.**

For this assembly, feeding on the Word of Christ,  
**O merciful God, hear our prayer.**

God of all time and God who is with us in the here and now... as the church throughout the ages has born witness to the great light of God shining in dark places, we commend to you all for whom we pray,  
**O merciful God, hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray...**

**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; 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.**

**CLOSING SONG # 268      *Crown Him with Many Crowns***  
verses 1, 3, & 4

*Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time;  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.*

**CHARGE**

Go now to love and serve the Lord as you love and serve your neighbor.

**BENEDICTION**

And may our covenant God encompass us with the mysterious power of the Holy Spirit and transform us to become more and more like Christ.

**POSTLUDE***Untitled*

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Thank you to Donald Ross for serving as our liturgist, and to Dave Smith, Mona Dowell, Patty Pace, and Eddie Adams for providing the music and technical support for our worship video.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Pray for these Members, Relatives and Friends.

Please note these newer prayer concerns:

- ❖ Mac McRackan, who fell and broke hip. He is in Rex Hospital.
- ❖ The family of Greg Myers. Greg is the son of former member Ouida Myers, and the father to Jacob Myers whom many at Saint Giles love. Greg died in a car accident earlier this year.
- ❖ Chuck Nevitt, having surgery February 10th

We continue to pray for:

Pat Lindsay  
Charolette Brown  
Dan Grassi  
Inez Ruchte  
Donna Nichols  
Peggy McNeill  
Iris Morris

Rachel Williams  
Libby Morton  
Aleta Wheeler  
Jeane Nagel  
Andrew Scharfe  
Isla Brown

Sandra Richbourg  
Dick Grassi  
Barbara Settlemire  
Joe Moody  
Dave Smith  
Jack Boyd

We continue to pray for these family and friends of Saint Giles members:

Sallie Taylor's sister, Janet  
Jan Morgan's daughter, Anna  
Betty Fetvedt's sister, Peggy  
Marti Ranney's friend Sherrill  
Janet Wherry's sons David & Stephen, & her sister Ev  
Rachel & Rodney Williams' daughter, Rene  
Pat & Bob Lindsay's granddaughter Rebecca, niece Stephanie & family, sister Eloise Rohner, & niece Eloise Lindsay  
Chris Zaineddin's friend Peggy, nieces Colleen, & Sourour Dehnadi, brother Ken, & friend Paul Hutter & family  
Dave & Rita Hart's friend Terry, and neighbors Sarah and Wayne  
Roberta Dibble's friend Margaret Rothman  
Carmen Rosa, along with Tania Valentine & Maurice Kersey  
Friends of Hess & Hart families, Max & Leatha Carey & family, & Allen Lee & Family  
Kimberly & Chad Craven's friend & her family  
Cindy Hemminger & family following her 5 year old cousin Hazel's diagnosis with Leukemia  
Donald and Nancy Ross' friend Terri McIrvine, and her husband and daughters  
Mary Ellen Jackson's cousin Betty Turner  
Scott Vollmer's mother, Lois  
Nathan Whittle's aunt Pauline and her son  
Carol Pope's sister, Kathy; brother, David; sister-in-law, Kacy  
Joel, nephew to Jean and Dave Smith, recovering from back surgery

\*requests in bold have been recently added or are in need of special prayer.