

Scripture *Isaiah 58:8-14* Jerry Johnson

Message *From Epiphany to Lent* Reverend Burke Owens

*Closing Hymn *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* UMH 404

Refrain:
Every time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

2. Jordan river runs right cold,
chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back. (Refrain)

1. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine,
ask my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

Postlude *Toccato* Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Toby Williams by Alan Cooper.

**Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk.*

Senior Pastor: Reverend Burke Owens

Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Director of Music: Mark Shaull

Organist: Diane Keller

Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



FIRST PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Transfiguration Sunday

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2024

10:45 AM SERVICE



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Prelude *Adoration* Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Introit *Cry Out and Shout* Knut Nystedt (1915-2014)

Life of the Community Emily King

*Call to Worship Emily King

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.

God's glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, like Elisha, do not think we are ready to encounter glory.

And yet, God's glory showed up anyway.

Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration and wanted to cling to that one glorious moment.

And yet, God called them down from the mountain.

So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, yet all are called together to worship and to be led by glory out into the world.

God, may we perceive your glory all around us, pointing us in the way you would have us go. Amen.

*Hymn *O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair* UMH 258

1. O wondrous sight! O vision fair
of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

2. From age to age the tale declares
how with the three disciples there
where Moses and Elijah meet,
the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

3. The law and prophets there have place,
two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud
proclaims his only Son aloud.

4. With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest that day
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

5. And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, for these gifts,
we give you thanks!

*Lord's Prayer

Reverend Burke Owens

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *Transfiguration* Paul Hofreiter

Invitation to the Offering Emily King

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, as we remember Christ's transfiguration, we stand in awe of the glimpse of your glory revealed on the mountain. Just as Peter, James, and John witnessed the radiant presence of Christ, we, too, are transformed by your love and grace. As we offer our tithes and offerings, may these gifts reflect the warming light of your love in our lives. Just as Jesus was transfigured before them, 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.

Offertory *Little Melody* Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

*Doxology UMH 94

*Hymn *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* FWS 2102

1. Swiftly pass the clouds of glory,
Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish;
Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent,
Turning from the summit's rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley
Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.

2. Glimpsed and gone the revelation,
They shall gain and keep its truth,
Not by building on the mountain
Any shrine or sacred booth,
But by following the Savior
Through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith's resilience
Through betrayal, pain, and loss.

3. Lord, transfigure our perception
With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions
To the shape of Your designs,
Till we seek no other glory
Than what lies past Calvary's hill
And our living and our dying
And our rising by Your will.