

Transfiguration is living by vision:
standing foursquare in the midst of a
broken, tortured, oppressed, starving,
dehumanizing reality, yet seeing the
invisible, calling to it to come, behaving
as if it is on the way, sustained by
elements of it that have come already,
within and among us. In those
moments when people *are* healed,
transformed, freed from addictions,
obsessions, destructiveness, self worship
or when groups or communities or
even, rarely, whole nations glimpse the
light of the transcendent in their midst,
there the New Creation has come upon
us. The world for one brief moment is
transfigured. The beyond shines in our
midst—on the way to the cross.

~Walter Wink, *Interpretation*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church

8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM

❖ *Please stand as you are able*

Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN SING

ACOLYTES

Brantley Schinkelwitz and Alex Blair

WELCOME & COMMON CONCERNS (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

❖ INTROIT

Love, Peace, Joy

King's Kids Choir; Greg Russell, piano

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Warren Freeborg

Loving God, your people long for a sign that you have not forgotten them!

Shine among us! Fill our land with your radiant glory!

Merciful God, your people are parched from the heat of their own sin!

Flow among us! Flood all peoples with your grace and mercy!

Life-giving God, your people grow cold as the world's grief takes its toll on them!

Blaze among us! Set our hearts on fire with compassion!

Send forth your word and let there be light!

❖ HYMN

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

No. 377

❖ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

❖ CALL TO CONFESSION

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Transfiguring God,

we are a people who fear the light of your face.

We offer only reasoned hopes and measured faith,

we build a shrine of isolation around your justice,

we serve the spirit of timidity that shades

your possibilities for ourselves and others.

Turn us around to see your light

transfiguring us into bold new images of your face. Amen.

Silence is kept

❖ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One of Christ's most amazing miracles is letting us see ourselves—and see ourselves forgiven.

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Hear Ye

Steele

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 24:12-18 and Matthew 17:1-9

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Sunlight Poured from His Face

Pastor Minshew

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p.16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING

Call for the Offering

Offertory

❖ Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 592

❖ Prayer of Dedication

When we love, O God, we want to give. We would give away our very lives if we loved enough. It is out of our love for you and the world you have made that we turn now to the act of worship through giving. Let these love offerings of our hearts reach out into all the world, saving lives and making life more worthwhile, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

❖ HYMN

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

No. 75

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ BENEDICTION RESPONSE

He Has Made Me Glad (sing twice)

No. 2270

POSTLUDE

*If you choose, you are invited to exit following the benediction,
or remain seated and conclude worship with the postlude.*