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**February 14, 2021**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**

## **PRELUDE**

*"Holy God We Praise Thy Name"*

- Bish

## **OPENING HYMN "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, prince-doms, powers,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,  
More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The light of God is shining...shining around and within.  
The voice of God is calling...calling not just from ancient texts, but from here and now.  
The love of God is with us...flowing around and within us.

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

Stay with us, Creator God. Live in us, Christ Jesus. Abide in us, Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Kings 2:1-12  
Mark 9:2-9

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Sonata octavi toni a 12" (Gabrieli) - SPO Champion Brass, conducted by Dr. Patrick Clark

### **SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

### **THE WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM**

The early 1600's were times of great religious interest and strife. The "Larger" Catechism was for priests and other educated officials of the Presbyterian Church. When the Church tried to write a catechism intended to bridge the differences between the Churches of England and Scotland in 1642 – a little less than a quarter of a century after the landing at Plymouth and the subsequent first Thanksgiving – it found the attempted merger of documents intended both to teach laity in the home

and to provide theological guidance for ministers and Church officials impossible, so issued two documents instead of one.

The “Larger” Catechism was intended to be both more thorough and more exact. You may remember how the Shorter Catechism begins: “What is the chief end of man? Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.” The Larger Catechism also begins with God, very similarly to the Shorter, then develops, with scriptures, the discussion of God more fully, so fully that if you ever have a question, the Westminster Larger Catechism probably holds the answer, with multiple citations from Scripture. A sample:

Question 7

*What is God?*

God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Question 8

*Are there more Gods than one?*

There is but one only, the living and true God.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **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.

### **OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE**

2 Corinthians 9:6 “...The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

### **CLOSING HYMN “God of Might, We Praise Thy Name”**

God of might, we praise Thy name  
For Thy deeds of strength and glory,  
Heaven and earth extol Thy fame,  
And proclaim the blessed story:  
As Thou art, Thou e'er wilt be  
Unto all eternity.

Cherubim and seraphim  
Praise Thy name with joy unceasing;  
Prophets and apostles are  
Evermore Thy praise increasing,

And the martyrs, brave and true,  
Worship Thee with praises new.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Prelude and Fugue in A Minor”*

- Bach

*(All Hymns and Songs reprinted under CCLI)*

***Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.***

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Organist – Shirley Klein

*Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God's healing touch is of special comfort.*