

†Benediction

†Response #188 *Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)* William Batchelder Bradbury  
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

†Postlude *Postlude in E Flat Major* Théodore Dubois  
*Kindly remain in silence during the closing postlude, or depart very quietly.*



†Please stand as you are able.

*Love. Grow. Serve.*

**Mission Statement:**

*“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”*

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# First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

## *Transfiguration of the Lord*

February 23, 2020

10:30 am

**“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”**

*Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude*

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# Service for the Lord's Day

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## Gathering Around the Word of God

### Welcome and Life of the Church

#### Minutes for Mission

Caring & Fellowship Ministry  
Conclaves Mission Project

Sandy Boriack  
Donna Gilchrest

#### Prelude *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

George Elvey Arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon  
FPC Handbell Choir

#### Introit #184 *Calm to the Waves*

Thomas Pavlechko

#### †Call to Worship

One: Do you see it? In fire and cloud our God appears:

**All: the glory of the Lord settles over us.**

One: Do you hear it? A voice thunders from heaven:

**All: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."**

One: Open your eyes; unstop your ears. We are gathered on holy ground.

**All: Let us magnify the Lord!**

#### †Hymn of Praise #193 *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (verses 1-3)*

#### Call to Confession

#### Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we search for you amidst the grand and glorious, the sacred and serene. We are eager to bask in your splendor and dwell with you in sanctuaries that shelter us from the sorrow of this world. We forget you are also present in the ordinary and profane, the desperate and despised. You send us back down the mountain to proclaim your law of grace and live your command of love—to tread the path that Jesus tread. Transform us, embolden us, and free us from fear, that we might be beacons of your light.**

#### Silent Confession

**Liturgist** Amen.

#### Response #437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

#### Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

#### †Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri) #581

#### †Sharing the Peace of Christ

#### Chancel Time with Children

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

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#### Anthem *Joy in the Morning*

Natalie Sleeth

Joy, there'll be joy, there'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy!

There'll be joy in the morning on that day,

For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,

There'll be joy in the morning on that day.

And the glory of the Lord will shine and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;

love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all within its span.

ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;

joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

And the glory of the Lord will shine and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.

There'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored.

There'll be love and forgiveness, there'll be peace and contentment.

There'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy!

#### Prayer for Illumination #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

#### Old Testament Reading Exodus 24:12-18 (p. 58)

#### New Testament Reading Matthew 17:1-8 (p. 694)

#### Sermon "Do Not Be Afraid"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

### Responding to the Word of God

#### †Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed (p. 34)

#### †Hymn of Affirmation #190 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

#### Offering Our Gifts to God

#### Offertory Music *The Wise Mouth Speaks Well (BuxWV 187)*

Dietrich Buxtehude

#### †Doxology #606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#### †Prayer of Dedication

### Taking the Word of God into the World

#### †Hymn of Inspiration #192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*