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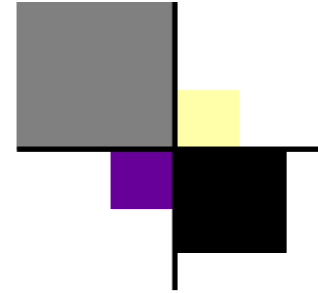
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MARCH 3, 2019  
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



*Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday*



## Welcome and Announcements

Mary Durstein

### Theme of the Day

The grace of God has no boundaries. The idea that God is a boundary-crosser is not new. Nor is the thought that God's grace flows through the world unhampered by human-made borders. Extending the hand of grace across all kinds of divides is what the people of God do. It is God's own work so often done by his daughters and always blessed by God's love.

### Prelude

"Day by Day"

*In the style of Frederic Chopin*

Arr. Craig Courtney

### \* Call to Worship

Let us praise the God of glory and of strength.

**Let us worship the God of grace.**

For the voice of God goes out across all the earth.

**And in God's temple all the people say, "Glory!"**

Let us now offer worthy worship to God,

**Whose steadfast love endures forever.**

### \* Hymn

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

No. 317

### Gathering Prayer

Shelia Brownfield

### Call to Confession

Lexi Thompson

Not one of us is perfect.

**No, not one.**

Not one of us is full of grace.

**No, not one.**

Not one of us is spotless.

**No, not one.**

There is no one who knows God's fullness or rests completely in God's grace.

**Therefore, let us approach God's throne together.**

Let us confess our sin.

### Confession of Sin

Lexi Thompson

**Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Find in us, we pray, the pockets of resistance and patches of coldness that keep us closed to your movement among us. Root them out and open us that we may be agents of your grace and channels of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Silent Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

Alison Albers

As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our sin from us. As near as hands and feet and breath, so near does God stand with us. As close as the Spirit's tether can draw, so close does God bring us together. Friends, believe the Good News; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Passing of the Peace

Alison Albers

In as much as God has granted us peace through the forgiveness of sins, we too can share that gift of peace with each other. Greet those near you with God's blessing of peace. The peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you.**

### Children's Message

Maggie Franks

### Preparation to Hear God's Word

"Open My Eyes"

No. 451 vs. 2

**Scripture** Isaiah 42:1-9 Rev. Jean Sutton

**Sermon** "Embrace Grace" Rev. Jean Sutton

**Anthem** "Help Us Accept Each Other" John Ness Beck

**Hymn of Preparation** "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!" No. 506

### Lord's Supper

-Prayer of Thanksgiving

-Sharing the Bread and Wine Pam Curtis, Anna Laura Dorey,  
Patty Meadows, Betty Thornton, Clara Alice Wilson

-Prayer

### The Offering of God's People

**Offertory Response** "Doxology" No. 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.**

\* **Offertory Prayer** Rev. Jean Sutton

### A Litany for Women Who Carry God's Grace

**Across Boundaries** Maggie Franks, Abby Parks

For Rahab's red cord and for all who serve you in foreign lands,

**We thank you, O God.**

For Ruth's loyalty and Esther's courage, and for all who serve you in foreign lands,

**We thank you, O God.**

For Deborah's leadership and Miriam's dance and for all who break glass ceilings,

**We thank you, O God.**

For Sarah's faithfulness and Jael's fierceness and for all who take things

into their own hands,

**We thank you, O God.**

For Hagar and all the unnamed women who survived to do your will in the wilderness,

**We thank you, O God.**

For the Alabaster Jar Woman and for all who flout convention in your name,

**We thank you, O God.**

For Mary Magdalene's heart and for all who linger at the cross,

**We thank you, O God.**

For all the grace-filled women who cross borders and dismantle fences, who face down soldiers and walk picket lines, who like Mary the Mother of Jesus carry your love into the world,

**We thank you, O God.**

### Presentation of Honorary Life Membership Pin

Mertie Woolcock

\***Closing Hymn** "Sing Glory to the Name of God" No. 10

**Charge and Benediction** Rev. Jean Sutton

**Postlude** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Arr. Jerry Ray

### *Presbyterian Women Purpose*

*Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ  
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we commit ourselves:*

*To nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,  
To support the mission of the Church worldwide,  
To work for justice and peace,  
and*

*To build an inclusive, caring community of women  
that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.*

