



**TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 11, 2024**

*We invite you to participate in worship, reading the parts in bold print. ♪ means All Sing!  
\* We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk.*

♪ **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “When the Saints Go Marching In”**

Congregation

**WELCOME**

Pastor Pat Mecham

**OPENING PRAYER**

Sing to the Lord a new song:

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

As God spoke, calling light out of darkness,

**God’s glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Let us worship God.

\* ♪ **GATHERING SONG – “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

Congregation

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God our Creator,

**We confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You shine with perfect beauty, but we turn away from your presence. You blaze with heavenly glory, but we hide our faces from your truth. Forgive us, God of grace. Shine in our hearts this day through the light of your Word so that we may glorify you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news! Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.**

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen!**

**\* SHARING OF THE LORD’S PEACE**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ in a way that you feel most comfortable, saying “The peace of Christ be with you.”*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING****2 Kings 2:1-12**

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM****Psalm 50:1-6**

The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God shines forth in glory.**

Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

**God calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgment of the people.**

"Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,  
for it is God who is judge.**

**\* GOSPEL READING Mark 9:2-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel, the Good News of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MEDITATION – “A Chariot of Fire”**

Pastor Pat Mecham

**\* ♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

Congregation

**\* APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

Loving God,

Every good and perfect gift comes from you. We are grateful that we have all we need, and the joy of  
sharing what we have. Please use these gifts, and use us to bring yourself glory, we ask in the name of  
Christ. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor Pat Mecham

*Please conclude your prayer with “Lord, in your mercy,” and all will respond, “Hear our prayer.”*

**LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**♪ COMMUNION SONG – “Come to the Table”**

Congregation

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink,  
the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this  
day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\* ♪ SENDING SONG – “Amazing Grace”**

Congregation

## PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD – ANNOUNCEMENTS *Birthdays/Anniversaries*

*We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church, in our local community, and throughout the world.*

### \* BENEDECTION

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you henceforth and forever. **Amen!**

### \* POSTLUDE – “This Little Light of Mine”

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***We thank Heidi Kuzma, Daisy Kuzma, Cooper Shaffer, Kathy Manifold, Melissa Mecham, and Pastor Pat  
for blessing us with their musical talents this morning!***

**Please join us Wednesday at 7:00 pm for Ash Wednesday worship in the sanctuary at 11662 Hope Court.**

We invite all to join us by giving to the ministry of TLPC. **We thank everyone who generously supports this ministry.** Gifts may be made online through our website at [TLPC.org](http://TLPC.org) or mailed to: **Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, PO Box 10620, Truckee, CA 96162**

**Our congregation has a heart for missions: locally, nationally, and in God’s world.** With your support we give to Sierra Community House (Hunger Relief, Crisis Intervention & Prevention, Family Support & Community Engagement, Mediation & Legal Assistance); North Tahoe–Truckee Homeless Services; Healthy Babies; International Health Partners Tanzania; Hands of Hope Zimbabwe; youth service trips to Nicaragua and Alaska; adult disaster trips locally and around the world; and the responsible, vigorous mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our nation and world. Additionally, during the pandemic, our congregation has supported local essential workers.

Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Washoe people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this country their home.

