

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 Ellijah 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.

~ 2 Kings 2:9-12

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 14, 2018 10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

* Indicates that those who are able may stand.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

The Church's One Foundation (401)
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (139)
For All the Saints (767)

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Wesley/arr. Hustad
Runyan/arr. Linker
Vaughan Williams/arr. Smith

GREETING

Peace be with you.
And also with you

PRELUDE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Haydn/arr. Hustad
Carl Bingle, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 50

Leader: Our God speaks with power:
calling creation into being; the great light finds light.
From your holy hill there is light; the splendor of truth
goes forth and there is light without shadow.

People: **The one who creates gives life as a word that is heard and heeded;
the truth refines and redeems; justice finds its way in mercy.**
The issue is made clear far and wide:
the creator comes this way; the light of light breaks upon us.
Faith calls to faith and hears the promise that is eternal.
As the stars keep to their course so the will of God is without error.

HYMN #401

The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

INVITATION TO REPENTENT PRAYERS

Celebrating a

Birth

THIS WEEK

October 15 Russ McCullough

October 18 Jonathan White

October 19 Dori Barnard

October 20 Linya Bell

October 20 Steven Adams

October 20 Peter Pike, Jr.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, JoAnne Stirling, Ralph Green, and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

Prayer Help Available. Please call the church office at 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for prayers in our church bulletin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our words have no end. The ear is never full; our hearts burst to speak again. Give us the mercy of silence. Let us find the freedom to listen. Forgive our ramblings, our poorly crafted declarations. Forgive our need to shout and rant. Let us revel in the still small voice; give us the power to hear you. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

***RESPONSE - You Are My Hiding Place - Hymn #700**

*You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance;
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say,
I am strong in the strength of the Lord!*

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 2:9-12 (Old Testament, page 333 in pew Bibles)

ANTHEM

Adult Handbell Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

Rev. Casey Carbone

(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service. As children depart for Sunday School, we sing “*Jesus Loves Me*” Hymn #185, verse 1)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:2-13 (New Testament, page 44 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

“If We Listen”

Rev. Dr. Fred Garry

***HYMN #349**

O How He Loves You and Me

PATRICIA

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

(If you would like to give via Venmo, information can be found on the back cover of the bulletin.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ballad of the Transfiguration

Avery & Marsh

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Phyllis Elmer, piano

***DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SENDING

***HYMN #358**

Because He Lives

CRUCIFER

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Look Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

Michael Burkhardt

The music describes the sight on the mountain in Mark 9:2-13: Jesus is in radiant light, appearing with Elijah and Moses. The composer then covers this clear majesty with a mysterious, dizzying, chromatic change:

“Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:

‘This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him!’”

The declarative sections use the Principal and Trumpet pipes in several octaves; The cloud is the flutes, strings, and small reed pipes in the unison octave.

Carl Bingle, organ