

West Main Baptist Church Sunday of the Transfiguration February 19, 2023

*congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

WELCOME Drew Herring

PRELUDE Instrumental
Here I Am, Lord
Daniel L. Schutte; Janet Linker and Jane McFadden, arr.

*CALL TO WORSHIP 305 *The Church at Worship (God's Revelation)* Ethan Stephens

*HYMN 306 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* The Church

SCRIPTURE READING Drew Herring
Matthew:17:1-9

HYMN 159 (seated) The Church
Fairest Lord Jesus
(verse 1 - children; verse 2 - all women; verse 3 - all men; verse 4 - All)

CHILDREN'S LESSON Jennifer Clatterbuck
(After the children's lesson, preschool children through kindergarten are encouraged to follow their leader to our Extended Session in the preschool area. Grades one and above remain in worship.)

*HYMN 309 *When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified* The Church

*RESPONSIVE READING 294 *Let Us Sing to the Lord (God's Revelation)* John Bishop

HYMN ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir
Sing Them Over Again to Me
(WORDS OF LIFE) Philip Bliss; Gilbert M. Martin, arr.

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life: Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life. Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty: (Refrain): *Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life, Beautiful words wonderful words of life.* Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life; Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life. All so freely given, wooing us to heaven: (Refrain) *Sweetly echo the gospel call wonderful words of life: Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life. Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. (Refrain).* Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING 370 *Give Thanks to God* Jennifer Clatterbuck

HYMN ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir
This Is My Father's World
(TERRA BEATA) Maltbie D. Babcock; Elaine Hagenberg, arr.

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears, All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere. This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet, This is my Father's world, The battle is not done, Jesus, who died will be satisfied And heaven and earth be one.

HYMN 323 (verse 1, seated) *How Great Thou Art* The Church

READING 470 *Calling* Drew, Jennifer & Bishop

HYMN ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir
Here I Am, Lord
(HERE I AM, LORD) Daniel L. Schutte; Ovid Young, arr.

I, the Lord, of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? (Refrain): *Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.* I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone, I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send? (Refrain) I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life for them, Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

HYMN 48 (verse 1, seated) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* The Church

RESPONSIVE READING 628 *Perseverance* John Bishop

HYMN ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir
Be Still, My Soul
(FINLANDIA) Jean Sibelius; Hal H. Hopson, arr.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 16:24-25* Jennifer Clatterbuck

HYMN ANTHEM Sanctuary Choir
Marching to Zion!
(MARCHING TO ZION) Robert Lowry

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne. (Refrain) *We're marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.* Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But children of the heav'nly King, May speak their joys abroad. The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets, Before we reach the Heav'nly fields Or walk the golden streets. (Refrain) Then let our songs abound And ev'ry tear be dry; We're marching through Immanuel's ground To fairer worlds on high. (Refrain)

*CALL TO THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER Corey Williams

Brothers and sisters in Christ, what has drawn you to this place?

We have come to worship the Rock of our salvation.

God is not confined to this place; God is always with you. God came with you.

We have come to worship with each other.

How do you propose to worship so great a God?

Through praise and prayer, with tears of confession and joy, we will bow at God's feet.

God owns the cattle on a thousand hills, the earth, the sea and sky.

What do you have to offer so great a God?

We offer our lives and our livelihood to God, to each other, to all who seek.

We bring offerings of mercy, justice and peace.

When you leave this place, God will go with you.

We shall live as we worship, aware of God's presence.

OFFERTORY HYMN ANTHEM *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Sanctuary Choir
(PICARDY) French, 5th Century; Gustav Holst, arr.

The children are invited to bring their Alleluias to the front altar during the offertory anthem.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in his hand, Christ our Lord to earth descendeth our full homage to demand. King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of Lords, in human vesture in the Body and the Blood He will give to all the faithful His own Self to heavenly food. Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, Lord most High Amen.

*DOXOLOGY (Tune: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*) The Church

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
O Praise Him! Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION Ethan Stephens

We lift our voices in song of praise to you, Lord, knowing that the very gift of song comes from you, knowing that without our song, life would lose its luster, knowing that one day, our song will have no end. Alleluia! Amen!

POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Mark Gourley
Ludwig van Beethoven; Albert Travis, arr.

*Thank you to the Sanctuary Choir, soloists, children's choir and assisting musicians;
Sandie Parker, pianist; John Scott, violinist; and Brodie Buchanan, organ assistant.*

Ash Wednesday & Lenten Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Jesus

This Wednesday, February 22, is Ash Wednesday, when we will enter into the season of Lent. There will be no regular Wednesday night supper. Instead, we invite you to join us for

- **A Midday Service of Music & Reflection at Noon in the West Main Sanctuary and/or**
- **Ashes to Go in the Mt. View Parking Lot from 4:00-6:00 P.M.**

During Lent, we will focus on the seven last sayings of Jesus from the cross. Each week, we will center on one word from each of these sayings in our worship, Wednesday night study, and lenten reflections on social media. During the week, you are invited to come to the sanctuary to reflect and color the accompanying poster. Copies of Illustrated Ministry's Seven Last Words devotional guide are also available for your use at home.

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When In Our Music God is Glorified

A Hymn Festival

West Main Baptist Church
February 19, 2023

Excerpts from John Wesley's Directions for Singing:

*Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead or half asleep.
Do not bawl so as to be heard above the rest of the congregation
but strive to unite your voices together.*

From Select Hymns 1761