

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 Charles Poole  
Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem “Sanctus and Benedictus” Gounod  
*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus* Holy, Holy, Holy  
*Dominus Deus Sabaoth* Lord God of Hosts.  
*Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.* Full are heaven and earth of the glory.  
*Hosanna in excelsis* Hosanna in the highest.  
JJ Coker, *tenor*  
*Benedictus qui venit* Blessed is he who comes  
*In nomine Domini.* In the name of the Lord  
*Hosanna in excelsis* Hosanna in the highest.  
Carrie Blount, *soprano*

The Sermon “Moses, Elijah and Jesus” Charles Poole

## COMMITMENT

Northminster is an open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life and ministry with others. During the Time of Response, this church extends to you an invitation to membership by your request for baptism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement of your Christian experience in another denomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community, please express this desire by coming forward at this point of the service.

## TIME OF RESPONSE

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.”

-John 15:16

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 558: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *BEECHER*

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude “All My Hope on God Is Founded” Burkhardt

*\*The congregation will please stand.*

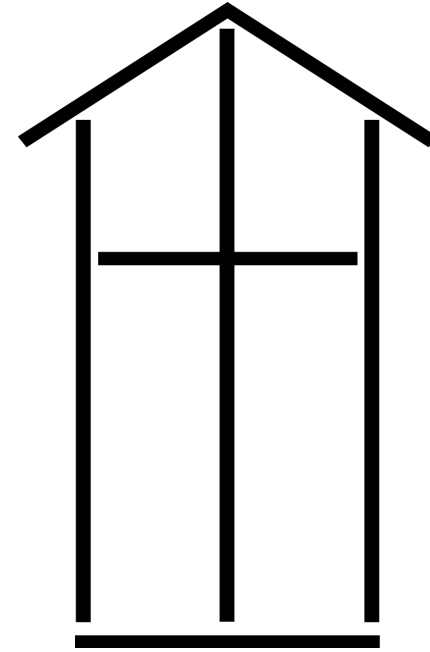
The Lectionary passages for February 23 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Exodus 24:12-18 ~ page 62

Psalms 99 ~ Pages 480-481

II Peter 1:16-21 ~ page 987

Matthew 17:1-9 ~ page 798



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

“God places us in the world as agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice can be transfigured into justice, so that there will be more compassion and caring, so that there will be more laughter and joy, so that there will be more togetherness in the world.”

-Bishop Desmond Tutu

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday**

February 23, 2020  
Ten-thirty o'clock

**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection and prayer. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

The Meditation of Preparation

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you,  
O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”

-Psalm 42:1

The Prelude “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair” Callahan  
“O God Beyond All Praising” Lasky

The Call to Worship “Come and Worship the Lord” Hopson  
*Come and worship the Lord our God. Alleluia.*  
*Praise God on the holy mountain. Alleluia.*

\*The Processional Hymn No. 2: “Holy, Holy, Holy!” NICAEA

\*The Litany of Praise Eddie Mahaffey

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble; God is enthroned  
above the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**People: The Lord is great in Zion, and high above all peoples.**

Leader: Let us praise the name of the Lord; for the Lord our God is holy.

**People: Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity;**

Leader: You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**People: Exalt the lord our God;**

**All: Bow down before God's footstool, for the Lord our God is holy.**

-Psalm 99, *adapted*

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: “Glory Be to the Father” MEINEKE

\*The Prayer of Invocation Eddie Mahaffey

The Greeting Lesley Ratcliff

**THE DEDICATION OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS**

Elizabeth Virginia Triplett  
Daughter of Rob and Sandra Triplett

The Litany of Dedication

Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: We are here today to present Elizabeth to the church and to dedicate her to God. Who brings this child for this holy purpose?

**Parents: We, her parents, bring this child to be dedicated to God.**

Leader: What can we affirm about this child?

**People: That she is made in the image of God and is a child of God by creation.**

Leader: What will this child be told about her faith history?

**People: She will learn about Abraham and Sarah, the grandparents of our faith; about Moses, who led our ancestors out of bondage, and about Miriam, who sang and danced a victory song of freedom; about the Jewish hope for a Messiah; about Jesus Christ the Savior, and about the history of the church as God's redemptive people in the world.**

Leader: Who will raise this child in the faith, worship with her regularly, teach her to pray and lead her into a loving relationship with God?

**Parents: We are the persons primarily responsible for this important work.**

Leader: Is anyone else to help with the guidance of this child?

**People: Yes, we too, will share in her growth, for she belongs to us as well.**

Leader: We trust that God will be with us in this awesome task.

**People: For God is faithful to us in all that we do.**

Leader: Amen.

The Presentation of the Child

Charles Poole

The Lessons Exodus 24:12-18  
II Peter 1:16-21

Major Treadway

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

-Matthew 6:14

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Major Treadway

**INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION**

\*The Offertory Hymn No. 562: “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” DIX

\*The Offertory Prayer Eddie Mahaffey

The Offertory “Adagio” Wider