

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lyn Oakley

All: We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts we have received from your good creation. We now ask your blessing upon the gifts we offer here today so that they might be a sign of our commitment to serve you in all that we are and do. Amen.

***Hymn – #33 “Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”**

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
Thou wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free, Eternal Thy goodness for naught changeth Thee.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

***Benediction**

Andy Morgan

***Congregational Benediction**

**Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you**

Postlude

Melinda Nichols

Greeters	Carl and Cindy Snow
Ushers	Don Grogan, Denna Grogan, Dana Lamb, and Mike Lamb
Liturgist	Lyn Oakley
Music	Bob Eubanks, Melinda Nichols & George Hill
Minister	Dr. Andy Morgan

Announcements

Save the Date! Celebrate 100 years as a Congregation

Join us at John Knox Center April 28-30 as we continue to celebrate our 100 years as a congregation, we will gather at John Knox Center during the weekend of **April 28-30!** Click the link in the Weekly Word or the Newsletter tab on the website for more info.



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Prelude

Melinda Nichols

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Call to Worship (Psalm 99)

Leader: O Lord, you are a lover of justice,

All: You seek equity and have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Leader: We praise your great and awesome name,

All: We come to worship you at your holy mountain.

***Hymn #3 “Holy, Holy, Holy”**

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

Ritual of Friendship

Andy Morgan

*Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register
located on the center aisle under the pew in front.*

Call to Confession

Lyn Oakley

Leader: In the transfiguration story, Jesus’ clothes became dazzling white, a sign of resurrection out of the violence the world inflicted upon him. Resurrection reminds us that the sins of the world and of our lives will not have the last word. God’s love, compassion and justice will be established on the earth. So let us confess before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Lyn Oakley

All: Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lyn Oakley

Leader: Just as a cloud overshadowed the disciples in the transfiguration story, and they heard a voice say that Jesus is the beloved of God, so too we are God's beloved people. Be forgiven and restored to our right standing as God's beloved.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

****Gloria Patri***

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.***

****Passing the Peace***

Lyn Oakley

Leader: God's love for us is the foundation of our lives as people and as a people. Let us respond to this love by sharing it with one another, assured of God's everlasting love in our lives and in our midst. The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you!

Prayer of Illumination

Lyn Oakley

All: God of transfiguring light, show us your Word as we read the words of Scripture today, so that your will and way can illumine our paths. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 24:12-18

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Epistle Reading – 2 Peter 1:16-21

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Anthem Just Imagine

Melinda Nichols

*Just imagine a city made of gold. Imagine the day when the Father's radiant glory we'll behold.
Imagine a time when there will be no crying, no more pain. Imagine when Jesus comes again.*

*Imagine a place where there's no more night, where the glory of God will forever shine with eternal light.
We'll gather 'round the throne of the great I am! What glory when Jesus comes again!*

*The trumpet will sound and the dead in Christ will all be raised. He will come in the twinkling of an eye;
and then those who believe in Him as Savior and Lord will be caught up to meet Him in the sky.*

*Just imagine what glory that will be on that day when our precious Savior's face we will see.
We will bow before the throne, singing praises to the Lamb. What glory when Jesus comes again!
Imagine when Jesus comes again, comes again!*

Gospel Reading – Matthew 17:1-9

Andy Morgan

Sermon -

Andy Morgan

****Affirmation of Faith – The Belhar Confession***

Andy Morgan

All: We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the

people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind. Amen.

****Hymn – “Canticle of the Turning”***

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the one who wait.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?*

Refrain:

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, For the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

*Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. [Refrain]*

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. [Refrain]*

*Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forbears heard is the promise that holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. [Refrain]*

Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Andy Morgan

All: 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

Invitation to the Offering

Lyn Oakley

Leader: God is the giver of life and the resources therein. Let us now dedicate our lives and resources to the God in whom we live and move and have our being.

Offertory

Melinda Nichols

****Doxology***

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