# **SERMON NOTES**



Join in fellowship time in the Fireside Room, every Sunday after 9 am and 11 am services.

# 9 a.m. Worship Service

You are known ~ you are loved ~ you are not alone!

**MINGLE** 

**▲** OPENER

"Forever Reign"

**▲ COMMUNITY BUILDING** 

**▲ PRAISE SONGS** 

"Indescribable" "Wonder"

#### TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children are invited to attend Sunday School activities. Parents are invited to accompany their children if they desire. Children are also welcome to stay in worship.

WORD

Matthew 17:1-9

Common English Bible

MESSAGE

Gifts That Keep On Giving "The Gift of the Unpredictable Jesus Rev. Claire Schlegel"

**PRAYER SONG** 

"What a Beautiful Name"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

**OFFERING** 

**OFFERING SONG** 

"Build My Life"

**BENEDICTION** 

**▲ CLOSER** 

"Nobody"

**Greeting You This Morning: Heather Dickenson, Cathy Cohen** 



February 23, 2020
Transfiguration Sunday
Sermon Series:
Gifts That Keep On Giving

# Welcome to Magnolia Presbyterian Church



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Traditional Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

#### 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Welcome as we worship the Lord with gladness, for it is God who deserves our praise and thanksgiving.

## **Gathering**

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

**OPENING PRAYER** 

**INTROIT** "We Have Seen the Lord"

arr. Mark Sedio

Chancel Choir

**▲ CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Do you see it?

In fire and cloud our God appears: the glory of the Lord settles over us.

Do you hear it?

A voice thunders from heaven:

"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."

Open your eyes; unstop your ears.

We are gathered on holy ground. Let us magnify the Lord!

**▲ OPENING HYMN** 

"Sing of God Made Manifest" #156

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** 

Gracious God, we have seen your light and glory in the work of your church, in the faces of loved ones, and in the life of Jesus Christ. Yet our memories are short, and we complain if we no longer feel your presence among us. Forgive us when we descend from life's mountaintops and turn our minds from the knowledge of how you have loved us. Pardon us when we fall into complacency and predictability failing to respond to your work in the world. Open our eyes and our ears, Lord. Teach us to seek you always, and to listen to the call of your call.

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**A PASSING THE PEACE** 

The peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you!* 

**▲ HYMN** 

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" #584, v.1-3

## **Proclaiming**

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**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Exodus 24:12-18

Common English Bible

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Thanks be to God.

**CHORAL ANTHEM** 

"Shine on Us" arr. by Benjamin Harlan

Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

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SERMON

Gifts That Keep On Giving:

"The Gift of the Unpredictable Jesus"

Rev. Claire Schlegel

# Responding

**RESPONSE HYMN** 

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

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**GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS** 

**OFFERTORY** 

"I Want To Walk as a Child of the Light"

Debbie Benninger, vocal solo

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**▲ DOXOLOGY** 

#607

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

## **Sending**

**▲ CLOSING HYMN** 

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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**▲ BENEDICTION** 

**▲ BENEDICTION RESPONSE** 

"Lead Me, Lord"

**A POSTLUDE** 

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"

Arr. Hal Hopson

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations. . ." Matthew 28:19

#### Scripture Readings

Exodus 24:12-18

Common English Bible

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there. I'll give you the stone tablets with the instructions and the commandments that I've written in order to teach them."

<sup>13</sup> So Moses and his assistant Joshua got up, and Moses went up God's mountain. <sup>14</sup> Moses had said to the elders, "Wait for us here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur will be here with you. Whoever has a legal dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The LORD's glorious presence settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from the cloud. <sup>17</sup> To the Israelites, the LORD's glorious presence looked like a blazing fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

Common English Bible

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. <sup>2</sup> He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

<sup>3</sup> Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. <sup>4</sup> Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

<sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." <sup>8</sup> When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."