

vespers

6:30 p.m. Sunday February 22, 2009

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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PRELUDE Aria in F Major *George Frideric Handel*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The glory of God transfigures the everyday!

People: **The light of God transfigures familiar faces!**

Leader: At the heights of our worship, may God's presence shine through the commonplace.

People: **At the depths of our pain and struggle, may God's presence give us courage and peace.**

All: May God's light, shining in the face of Christ, illumine all our days! Amen.

***HYMN 462** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Tune: RATISBON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Hear and believe the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Stand as you are able.*

PSALTER Psalm 50:1–6 (*responsively*) (page 491, O.T.)

ANTHEM “This Is My Beloved Son” *Knut Nystedt*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 9:2–9 (page 41, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION by John W. Vest
SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

***HYMN 411** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” *Tune: FESTAL SONG*

***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Behold, the Tabernacle of God”
William H. Harris

***DOXOLOGY** (The Hymnal, 592)