

***TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION***



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TIME IS FILLED WITH SWIFT TRANSITION (Hold to God's Unchanging Hand)

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Time is filled with swift transition
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal,
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you,
Whatsoever years may bring,
If by earthly friends forsaken,
Still more closely to Him cling.

Covet not this world's vain riches,
That so rapidly decay;
Seek to gain the heavenly treasures:
They will never pass away.

When your journey is completed,
If to God you have been true,
Fair and bright the home in glory
Your enraptured soul will view.

REFRAIN:

Hold (hold to His hand) to God's unchanging hand;
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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
ORDER OF WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE.....PIANIST/CHOIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT TO WORSHIP....."HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PRAYER OF CONCENTRATION

DOXOLOGY.....**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above each heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP.....**Minister/Steward**

L: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. *(Ps. 122:1-2)*

P: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. *(Ps. 84:10)*

L: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good. *(Ps. 122:9)*

P: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. *(Ps. 92:13)*

L: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth. *(Ps. 28:8)*

P: For the Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him. *(Hab. 2:20)*

L: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. *(Ps. 19:14)*

P: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises. *(Ps. 19:1&4)*

THE MORNING HYMN #513....."**Time Is Filled With Swift Transition**"

THE PRAYERS.....ELDERS & DEACONS

Prayer of Purification, Prayer of Pardon, and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Purification

Celebrant: Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord...

The Prayer of Pardon

Celebrant: Almighty God, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who turn to you with true repentance and sincere faith; Have mercy upon us. Pardon and deliver us from all of our sins. Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Savior...

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth: For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our LORD, to set forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the Company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Celebrant and People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. AMEN!**

THE PRAYER RESPONSE....."HE IS LORD"

He is Lord, He is Lord. He has risen from the dead and He is Lord. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

SELECTION.....CHOIR

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....**Luke 9: 26-36 (niv)**

(Exodus 34: 29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2)

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure,^[a] which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

PREFACE..... **"From all that dwell below the skies,
Let thy creator's praise arise;
Let the redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue."**

THE DECALOGUE**An Affirmation to Keep God's Law**

L: Let us express our commitment to keep Gods' law.

P: **God of our salvation, only you are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice your name, O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder or slander. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be a false witness. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.**

L: Hear what Christ our Savior says: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

THE 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.**

MISSIONARY/TITHES/OFFERING.....**Finance Committee**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....**Pastor Hale**

SERMONIC SELECTION

THE MESSAGE.....**Pastor Hale**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP.....**Pastor Hale**

INVITATIONAL SELECTION.....**MASS CHOIR**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME.....**Pastor Hale**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN #530....."**LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER**"

THE GENERAL CONFSSION

Chief Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God, praying together in one voice our General Confession.

Celebrant and People: ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our LORD, Jesus Christ, Creator and Judge of all people:

We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; Forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Response: AMEN!

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant: O Merciful Savior, we do not come to your holy table trusting in our own grace and mercy, but in the greatness of your mercy. We are not worthy enough to gather up the crumbs under your table. You are the LORD and your love has met, and always will meet, every human need. Grant us humble access to your love in the sacramental feast of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and wash away our sinful pride, so that in mercy we may be drawn near to you and to him who with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, now and forever.

Choral Response: AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!

THE CONSECRATION

Chief Celebrant: All glory, power and honor to you, Almighty God, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth, who did make us in your own image. And when we fell into sin, you of your tender mercy did give your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption: who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world: And instituted and commanded us to continue this perpetual memorial of his precious death until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This, is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all

of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, with this bread and cup we remember the life our LORD offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Gracious God, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Bless and sanctify these gifts with your Holy Spirit and bless us to your service that we may faithfully receive in unity and peace the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ. Amen!

THE SOLICITATION

Chief Celebrant: You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling.

THE ELEMENTS SHARED

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY.....BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS —

TEACHING MOMENTS

Next Week's Scripture Lessons:

- **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT:** Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51: 1-17; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6:10; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21.

Church School for ALL Ages – 9:30am *Every Sunday*

Pastor's Bible Study – Every Wednesday @ 11:00am

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- 2018 Tax Receipts are available from the Ushers.
- Today, Monthly meeting of the Mary Creth Missionary Society immediately following worship.
- Monday, March 4, 6:00 p.m., Steward Board meeting. (Minister's meeting to follow).

- **Wednesday, March 6, is Ash Wednesday. Service Times at Saint Paul: 11am and 7pm.**

Lent is a forty-day season of sacrifice & preparation for the death of Christ on "Good" Friday, and ultimately the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday! Lent is a time of stripping down to essentials, as each Christian focuses on their relationship with God, what God has given, and asks the question: what are we willing to give? Let us examine ourselves, and be examined by God, as we stand in the shadow of the cross... Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality, and our own sinfulness... these dual themes of sin and death stand starkly in the light of God's redeeming love. We use ashes, which have a long history in Jewish and Christian worship, as a sign of mortality and repentance. This practice is the historic focus of Ash Wednesday observance and gave the day its name. We will have Ash Wednesday Services on March 6, at 11:00am (for those who can make it on their lunch break or want to avoid the evening temperatures) and at 7:00pm (for those who can't make it until after, or before, work). The service will begin on-time, and lasts only about 45 minutes. The day before Ash Wednesday is called "Fat Tuesday", better known by some as "mardi gras!" It is the last day in the Season of Epiphany, and ancient traditions call it a day to indulge before entering Lent... hence the big party, with lots of food and celebrating, before a season of sacrifice and preparation.

- **Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m., Mass Choir rehearsal.**
- **Sunday, March 10, 171st Church Anniversary. Taxation for the year will increase to \$171.00 and is payable throughout the year. To assist with our Mid-Year Conference assessment, those who can, are asked to pay the full amount.**
- **Monday, March 11, 6:00 p.m., Official Board.**
- **Wednesday, March 13, 12:30 p.m., Trustee Board meeting.**
- **Monday, March 18, 6:00 p.m., Class Leaders meeting.**
- **Sunday, March 24, We travel to Saint Matthew, Midway for their Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. worship for their Church Anniversary.**
- **March 27-29, 13th District Mid-Year Convocation, Memphis, TN.**
- **March 29-31, 13th District WMS Retreat, Memphis TN.**
- **Sunday, March 31, Kentucky Conference Fifth Sunday Lay Cluster**

REMINDERS

- Please be reminded that the **taxation for Church Anniversary of \$171.00** is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as **CA171**.
- **Conference Claims** per member per month is **\$15.00**. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.

- The **Seed Sowers Project** is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.
- **Mass and Men's Choir:** Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per member per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless notified otherwise.
- **St. Paul's CD/DVD Ministry to the Sick and Shut-in:** If you desire a CD or a DVD of the worship services, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.
- **Need a ride to Church School or Church,** please call Sis. Tanya Clark by Saturday at (859) 361-1426.
- **St. Paul's CD/DVD Ministry to the Sick and Shut-in:** If you desire a CD or a DVD of the worship services, please see Pastor Strode.
- **Need a ride to Church School or Church,** please call Sis. Tanya Clark by Saturday at 361-1426.
- **Anyone interested in working with and learning about the DVD ministry, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.**

• YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

- **Notice:** The Pastor and Trustees are asking if anyone has a **Key** to the Church, the Annex, or the Church Van, or any other key associated with Saint Paul's property, then please report that to Sis. Marilyn Collins. We're trying to compile an accurate record of key holders for our Trustee Records and for insurance purposes. Thank you!
- **Notice:** If at any time you see water in the basement, please inform Bro. Richard Kirtley. We know that when water is found, those who do so take the initiative and clean it up, and for that we thank you! And we hope that you'll continue to help us by doing so, but we're also trying to ensure that our efforts to keep the water out of the basement are working. So, if you find water, thank you for mopping it up, and thank you for letting Bro. Kirtley know so we can keep track. – Pastor



Our Known Sick and Shut-Ins

Charles Brown, Jr.
Roslyn Collins
Phyllis Dockies

Renee Scott-Smith
Russell Thornton

Our Known Community Sick and Shut-Ins

Armenta Chase
Lorie Dale
Rev. Frederick Hale
Corliss Howard

Mildred Jones
Richard Kirtley, Jr.
Betty Moseley
Barbara Nash

Odes Nash
Rev. James E. Smith
Frances Walker
Anna Williams



Ellis Collins	March 3
Rickey Boatley	March 6
Phyllis Dockies	March 9
Candice Kirtley	March 16
LaMichelle Haddix	March 17
Yvonne Wilson	March 17
Charles Brown, Jr.	March 18
Myrtle Granville	March 23
Trumell Ikard	March 25
Domonique Kirtley	March 29

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Matt. 16:17-28

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PETER	REWARD
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SERMON NOTES

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Sermon Title: _____

Sermon Text: _____

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