



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WORCESTER

*A Welcoming and Affirming Church
A Safe Space for All*

First gathered in 1812



Order of Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

February 11, 2018

10:00 AM

Welcome to First Baptist!

Alguien habla español aquí.

Es gibt hier Leute, die Deutsch sprechen.

May nagsasalita nang Tagalog dito.

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Temos alguém aqui que fala português.

这里有人说中文。

Kuna mtu hapa anayezungumza Swahili.

یکی اینجا فارسی صحبت میکنه

Ici on parle français.

Thoughts on Worship

Transfiguration Sunday marks the shift from a season of Epiphany to a journey of Lent. With its mystery, the transfiguration of Jesus illuminates the way forward for us in the coming weeks. A God who is ever at work revealing the Way and the Who of God, the transfiguration offers us a new perspective to see our own lives. Where do we notice new instances of God's presence? How are we being transformed?

Cover Image:

Transfiguration (2003), by Armando Alemendar Ara

About the Poet:

*Joy Ladin, a Jewish trans woman, has published several collections of poetry about life, faith, God, and the intersection of each through the lens of her gender transition. Her raw honesty, pain, joy, wit, and insights invite readers along her journey; in part, so they might bear witness to it, but also to remind them they're on a journey of transformation, too. The poem from worship this Sunday, "Hallelujah," is the universally empowering final poem in her 2017 collection *Fireworks in the Graveyard*.*

* Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

In the Beginning was the Word...

A Prelude

Reverend Brent Newberry

Chiming of the Trinity

* Invitatory

The lectern side is east, and the pulpit side is west

East: O come, let us sing unto the Lord :

West: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

East: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving

West: and shew ourselves glad in God with psalms.

East: For the Lord is a great God

West: and a great King above all gods.

East: In God's hand are all the corners of the earth

West: and the strength of the hills also.

East: The sea is God's, and God made it

West: and God's hands prepared the dry land.

**All: O come, let us worship and fall down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For she is our God and we are her people
he is our shepherd and we are his flock**

* Prayer of Illumination

Reverend Brent Newberry

* Congregational Hymn

548 Come, Great God of All the Ages

Abbot's Leigh

Welcome from the Church

Reverend Brent Newberry

Inside your Order of Worship should be an FBC Connection Card. If you are visiting with us, and if you would like to learn more about our church or ways you can connect more deeply within the life of our church, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate later on in the service.

* Greeting One Another in Grace

You are invited to share the grace of Christ with one another. Children may be dismissed to Sunday School.

And the Word Became Service

Offering of our Gifts

The ministries of our church are possible because of the generous gifts you pledge in support. At this time, you are invited to give your offering, as you are able.

* Offertory Hymn

551 As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Beach Spring

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

And the Word Became Harmony

I.

Mark 9:2-9 (pg. 820)

Allegro from Sonata in E BWV 1035

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Daniel Carlo, Wesley Hall

II.

Psalm 50:1-5 (pg. 451)

Intermezzo

Ronald and Wesley, Drums and Celtic Whistle

III.

Hallelujah by Joy Ladin

I'm becoming what I've always been,
dust and silence, but also earth
and the sound of shifting soil,
silk splitting ears of corn, stalks snapping and sighing,
breezes, hurricanes, proposals of marriage,
hatchling turtles hissing on beaches, subatomic forces
linking arms in stochastic dances,
deeps calling unto deeps
that may or may not be calling,
busy signals, outgrown terrors,
raindrops stiffening into snow,
the hallelujah of autumn angels
urging grass to grow.

Largo from B minor Sonata BWV 1030

J.S. Bach

Daniel Carlo, Wesley Hall

And the Word Became Community

Prayers of the People

Reverend Brent Newberry

Celebrating our New Member

* Kianoosh Ghazi

Partnering in Church Life

Just as we arrived this morning in faith, so too, we depart to be faithful partners in the work of God. Listen now for opportunities to connect more richly in the life of First Baptist.

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in C from the Eight “Little” Preludes and Fugues, BWV 553

J. S. Bach

Anthony Topper

The flowers this week are given in loving memory of Hiroshi Yamaguchi by his wife Michiko Yamaguchi.

Who We're Praying for This Week

- For Ginny Young and family on the death of Charlie Young.
- John Torrisi
- Nate and his fellow troops, as well as their families, on their deployment overseas.
- Dino M.

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Thanks for being here!

We are so glad you worshipped together with us this morning! Thank you for being here. Each of you matters to us, and we hope to get to know you better. We are a Welcoming & Affirming Church, and a Safe Space for all people.

What that means: Who you are, and how you're created is a gift to this world and this faith community, and we celebrate the ways your life gives witness to the way of Christ in both. Maybe it's your race or nationality, your age or vocation, your sexual orientation, your gender identity, your faith background, your political affiliation or personal aspirations, you are celebrated here. You are safe here, to fully be who God has created you to be. And if you would like to partner in ministry with us, we have no doubt that your participation will make us a better faith community.

We have weekly opportunities for learning and friendship. Check out our Announcement Flyer or subscribe from our website's home page (www.fbc-worc.org) to our weekly e-newsletter on the happenings of our church.

Following our services each week, we invite you to join us in Gordon Hall for coffee and refreshments, our treat! If you're new, we'd love a chance to get to know you, and if you're a regular, well, you know what to do--make a new friend! Gordon Hall is located through the exit to your right (the pulpit side).

All-Gender Restrooms are available in the rear of the sanctuary or to the exit to your right, near Gordon Hall. If you still aren't sure of their location, ask a new friend--they'll be happy to show you the way!

Last but not least! We have connection card inserts. Fill one out and drop it in the offering plate, and our Pastor will be happy to reach out during the week to answer any questions or give you any more information about our great church!