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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

OUR CALLING AS EYEWITNESSES

"Lord, it is good that we are here!" (Matthew 17:4). Today, we join Peter in saying these words as we celebrate the climax of the Epiphany season. The Transfiguration of Jesus was a beautiful and powerful moment in the lives of Peter, James and John who were "with Him on the Holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:18). They saw the Son of Man shine more brightly than the sun. This was the Epiphany of all epiphanies as the "veil" was removed and they saw Jesus' glory in full view.

We might consider for a moment this day the images that come to mind for us that we seek to "hold on to" or "to share." They might be something we saw or heard on the news, or perhaps something a friend or family member posted to a "friend group." With the rise of technology and use of mobile devices we are able to share these images and post them for others to join us in either our joy or sadness with a click of a button. In one way, we can see this in Peter's comments in his epistle. His experience of what he, James and John were able to see, and the all-encompassing glory of God, transformed his life. The voice from the cloud, "This is my beloved Son, Listen to Him!" not only caused them to shake with fear as they fell on their faces, but it was the moment where God's prophetic Word transformed and transfigured their understanding of Jesus after His resurrection, especially as Peter writes about it in his letter to the church years later (2 Peter 1:16-21). Jesus' transfiguration was not for His sake, but for ours. His glory on this mountain was traded for the agony of the cross, transforming its message to one of forgiveness and not judgement.

As we prepare for the season of Lent and our walk to the cross with our Savior, we see His death as necessary and

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:30 p.m. AA and Al Anon

THIS WEEK

2/26, 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

the heart of God's plan for us and for our salvation. We look to the joy and glory that shines in Him. Maybe we have tough times ahead, a path still unclear, and yet we know we are not alone. Our Savior in all His glory is walking by our side. We see His prophetic word, and the glory of His presence in the taking away of our sins in this Holy Supper. We hear His words, and listen to Him, "You are my beloved child as I have taken away your sin." "You are forgiven." This is the prophetic word made surer in us as we put our faith in Him and as we answer His call to be His eyewitnesses of His glory, of His forgiveness in the darkness of our world.

Our "Calling in Christ" is our Epiphany calling to be His eyewitnesses of the transforming power of His prophetic Word in our world today. God shine through you as you live in Him.

Pastor Carl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SEASON

The season of Lent will begin this week on Wednesday. All are invited to attend the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. where you can receive an imposition of ashes on the forehead. Devotionals will also be available to take home, one per family, at any point starting this Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

If you are interested in serving as a worship volunteer, or need to make a scheduling adjustment, please write to seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com. Thank you!

FEBRUARY 23

READER	Ryan Walker
ACOLYTE	Juwon Hong
GREETER/USHER	Michelle Yoon & Erin Sprehe
KITCHEN HELPER	Changhee Kim & Dee Dee Wasmund
COMMUNION ASST.	Rebekah Moon & Matt Wasmund
POWERPOINT	Richard Sherrer
OFFERING COUNTERS	Richard Sherrer & Joo Hun Park
FLOWERS	Martin & Sun

MARCH 1

READER	Emily Kosmack
ACOLYTE	Meredith Walker
GREETER/USHER	Anna Jo and Matt Wasmund
KITCHEN HELPER	SJ & Rebekah Moon
COMMUNION ASST.	JooHun Park and Megan Walker
POWERPOINT	Linnea Noll
OFFERING COUNTERS	Richard Sherrer & Joo Hun Park
FLOWERS	

LAST WEEK AT ILC

OFFERINGS on 02/16/20: \$1,158.23 (₩1,348,300)
 YTD (through 12/31/19) OFFERINGS
 \$68,941.60 (₩80,255,214)
 YTD (4/1/19-3/30/20) BUDGET
 \$103,230 (₩120,147,532)

ATTENDANCE
 103

READINGS

Feb 23: Transfiguration Sunday

OT	Exodus 24:8-18
NT	2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9

Mar 1: 1st Sunday in Lent

OT	Genesis 3:1-21
NT	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel	John 2:23-35