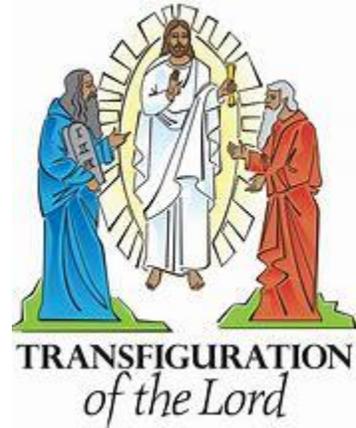


Morning Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

February 14, 2021 (Online)

Ringing of the Bell



Our Life Together

The Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship

Leader: Gathering in this sacred place we anticipate new wonders each week.

All: Wherever two or three are gathered to worship, the holy spirit is present.

Leader: Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy waiting to be revealed to us today.

All: We will want to continue to worship together, but when we end our service today may our hearts be open to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.

Prayer of Invocation

O Holy One,
 on mountaintops and valley floors
 you reveal to us the light of your love.
 Our hearts desire is to bask in the amazing glory
 of the divine presence.
 With each encounter we are changed and transformed.
 Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit.
 Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory.
 May we walk among our siblings and friends as a blessing,
 bearing light into dark places,
 hope to displace despair,
 and love that casts out hate.
 Our world is hurting
 and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely.
 Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying,
 ... "listen to my Child, the Beloved!" Amen.

Call to Confession

When we don't know how or what to pray,
 the Spirit knows.
 When all we can muster are sighs and groans,
 the Spirit knows those also.
 When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God,
 the Spirit goes before us and with us
 and God welcomes us with arms open.
 Let us confess our sins together, saying . . .

Confession

**Forgive us, God, when we linger too long by the waters,
 and on the mountain tops,
 enthralled with the glory that flows from you.
 When we fail to listen to your voice, leading and guiding us,
 shake us from our contentment
 and send us forward endowed with your power. Amen.**

...time of silent prayer...

Assurance

The God of Elijah, the God of Moses and the God of Jesus
 desires mercy more than sacrifice
 and a contrite heart rather than burnt offerings.
 Love God and do the right thing
 and forgiveness shall be your friend
 and mercy your true companion. **Amen.**

Affirmation: We Sing of the Spirit

We sing of God the Spirit,
 who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
 animating all energy and matter
 and moving in the human heart.

We sing of God the Spirit,
 faithful and untamable,
 who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
 not only in what is familiar,
 but also, in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit,
 who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
 and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
 transforming us and the world.

We offer worship
 as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
 and a practice of opening ourselves
 to God's still, small voice of comfort,
 to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.
 Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
 in community and in solitude,
 God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 50: 1-6

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

The Gospel

Mark 9: 2-9

Morning Message

Let Your Light Shine

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Morning Prayer

Our Lord's Prayer

Symbolic Offering

Peter offered to build a tabernacle on the mountain with Jesus.
 But God does not dwell in houses made with human hands.
 Let us offer ourselves in service to those God loves.
 Let us offer our sacrifices to build community,
 bring peace, and be a double blessing
 to those in need throughout the world. Amen

Offertory Music

Dedication

**With these gifts we proclaim not ourselves but Jesus
 and commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life.
 May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other
 and the God who loves us all. Amen**

Benediction

Leader: Go from this mountain.
All: We go with the wisdom of God's Word.
 Leader: Go from this mountain
All: We will go and follow the Lord.
 Leader: Go from this mountain.
All: We will go and follow the King.
 Leader: Go from this mountain
All: We will go and follow the Holy One.
 Leader: Go from this mountain.
All: We will go for Christ shows the way.

*On Eagle's Wings (sung)

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

*Postlude

