

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

THEME: God trusts us with His mission!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

A WORD ABOUT OUR WORSHIP TODAY

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

BEING REAL WITH GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: As we gather to celebrate the love of our gracious God, it is good for us to acknowledge our sin, the ways in which we are out of sync with God's loving will.

Silent Reflection

P: We confess.....

C: We confess to you, Lord God, and to our brothers and sisters in Christ, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved when we have had the chance, we have done unloving and hurtful things. We admit that we like the times when our faith in you feels right and good, when it supports things going well.....but we so readily complain or back down when our faith challenges us to do that which is hard and sacrificial. Forgive us, Lord, and give us the courage of your Spirit to follow you when the way is hard.

P: God knows our hearts, also our fear of following Christ when it means making tough choices and real sacrifice. God has been in our shoes, he understands us, and he is more than ready to forgive us. And so by the command of our Lord Jesus and his authority, I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 78 vs. 1 and 4 *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim "My God how great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: We pray.....

C: Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the valleys and turmoil of our world, to behold our Lord in his glory; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEARING FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah departs from Elisha into heaven

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

[New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6](#)

Since we have hope, we are very bold.....

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

[CHOIR ANTHEM](#)

[We Live By Faith](#)

[By Pepper Choplin](#)

[Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9](#)

On the mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus only is left standing as the clouds disappear

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

[CHILDREN'S MESSAGE](#)

[SERMON SONG](#)

[On Eagle's Wings](#)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
And he 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 his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.
And he 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 his hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.
And he 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 his hand.

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
And he 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 his hand.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

SERMON

"Trusting Peter, trusting you"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING (We give our offerings as a sign of our lives offered to God.)

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Green Book" 518

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

"Red Book" 126

Let us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us bow 'round the altar on our knees;
Let us bow 'round the altar on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

A CLOSING BLESSING

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**