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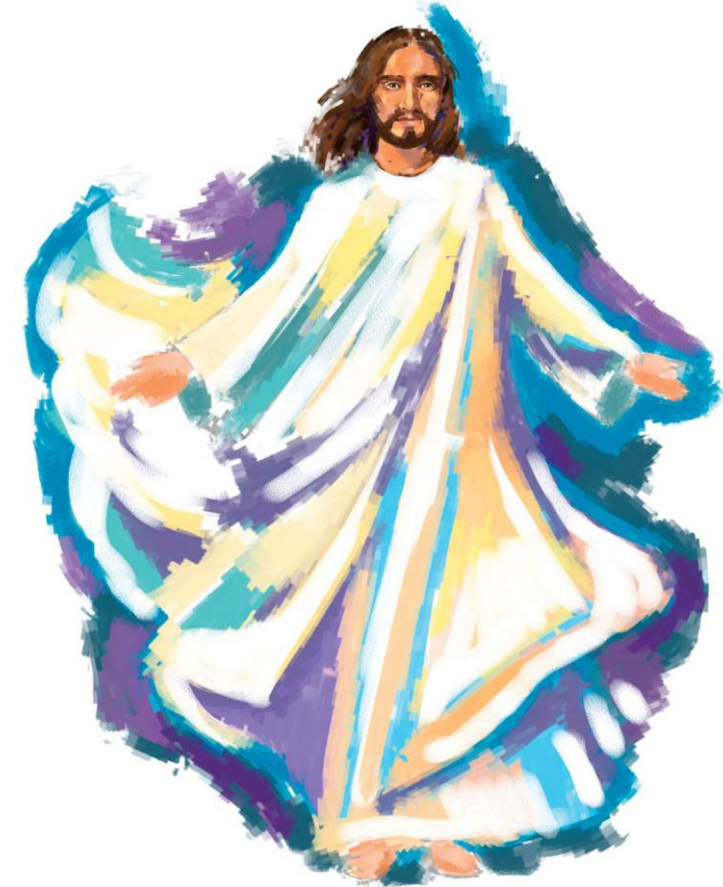
## *Transfiguration of our Lord*

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*9:30 A.M.*

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*The Altar Flowers  
are given today by  
Winnie French  
in loving memory of Del*

**Mark your calendars:**

- March 2~ Ash Wednesday worship 7pm
- March 9~ Midweek Lenten worship 7pm
- March 12~ Change your clocks forward before going to bed
- March 16~ Midweek Lenten worship 7pm
- March 20~ Spring is here!!

**EVERY** day is  
a new  
**BEGINNING**  
— take a deep —  
*breath,* **SMILE**  
& start again

*Offertory Prayer*

**C: Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.**

**Lord's Prayer: To Be Spoken**

**C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Blessing*

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Sending Song: "Great Hope"**

**There is great hope in His name, there is pow'r to heal the lame.  
He will mend the broken reed, nurse a dying wick to flame.  
There is great hope and pow'r in His name.  
There is great hope in His name, we will never be the same.  
We have vict'ry over sin because Jeus lives within.  
There is great hope and pow'r in His name.  
There is great hope in His name, we will never be the same.  
Cause the love that conquers fear will bring the joy of heaven here.  
There is great hope and pow'r in His name.**

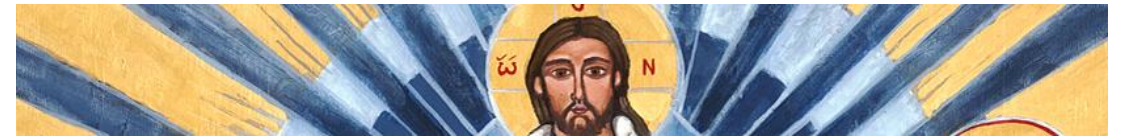
*Announcements & Sharing*

*Dismissal*

P Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude*



*Transfiguration of our Lord*

*"Discovering Christ's community through building relationships"*

February 27, 2022

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Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.

*Prelude:* "You are the Only One"

*Welcome*  
*(Please stand as able)*

*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness:*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace:*

“During this time of Covid, please remain in your pew, but share a sign of peace with the neighbors around you”

**Gathering:**                      **“Shine, Jesus Shine”**                      **Red Book #671**

*Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Kyrie*

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Glory to God*

Refrain: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

*The Prayer of the Day*

**C: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

*Prayers of Intercession*

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are in distress (*especially*). Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Blessed are they who listened to Christ’s voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

*(Please stand as able)*

2 “This is my Son!” said a voice from the cloud.  
 “Listen to him and do what he says!”  
 Soon as it came that vision was gone,  
 and they saw Jesus standing alone. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

*Come to the mountain to see the light.  
 Come to the mountain to hear God’s word.  
 Go to the valley, it is your home.  
 Go to the valley to serve the Lord.*

3 We will be changed like Jesus our Lord,  
 and live with him in heaven above.  
 But while we live on this earthly home,  
 our work as servants never is done. *Refrain*

*Nicene Creed:*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

*The First Reading is from the 34<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Exodus*  
 First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

*Moses’ face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God’s glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

P: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Song:**

**“White as Snow”**  
**White as snow, white as snow**  
**Though my sins were as scarlet**  
**Lord I know, Lord I know That I’m clean and forgiven**  
**Through the power of your blood Through the wonder of your love**  
**Through faith in you I know that I can be White as Snow**

*The Second Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of 2 Corinthians*  
 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses’ face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ’s likeness.*

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.  
(Please stand as able)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia.**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter*

**C: Glory to You O Lord**

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men

who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43a</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**  
(Please be seated)

*Sermon*

(Please stand as able)

**Sermon Hymn: "Come to the Mountain"**

**1 Jesus took Peter, James, and John  
up to the mountain to be alone.  
While they were watching Jesus was changed;  
and they saw Moses face to face.**

**Refrain**

**Come to the mountain to see the light.  
Come to the mountain to hear God's word.  
Go to the valley, it is your home.  
Go to the valley to serve the Lord.**