



February 14, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

A reading from Second Kings.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "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. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, 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 company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "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 company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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Transfiguration
2 Kings 1:1-12
1 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

A reading from First Corinthians.

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 we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

“Arise, Your Light Has Come”

BENEDICTION

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us. **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship

Bishop Anne Edison-Albright
Pr. Jenn Collins
Pr. Justin Smoot
Joel Freiberg - Pianist
Joy Mitchell - Vocalist
Juli Antonson - Layreader

Technical Support

Joel Freiberg
Bob Wiederhoeft

Altar Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by Mary Wittich for the work of the church and for the annual meeting; and by Karen Lehrmann in honor of Phil and Helen Bickley's 51st wedding anniversary.

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TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD



Listen to Jesus, the Beloved.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	2 Kings 2:1-12	Elijah is taken into heaven
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Proclaiming Jesus as Lord
Wednesday	Psalms 51	A prayer for forgiveness
Thursday	Genesis 3:17-19	You are dust
Friday	James 1:19-25	Hearing and doing the word
Saturday	Psalms 50:1-6	God shines brightly
Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" **Mark 9:7 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of heavenly glory, like Peter, James, and John, may we see glimpses of your radiance and be encouraged for our life of faith in your Beloved Son. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of abundance, we thank you for this food, a beautiful sign of your loving presence and care for us through Christ Jesus, your Beloved Son. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of glory and the Beloved Son of God shine brightly on you today.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Shine, Jesus, Shine



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Tell or think about an experience that reminded you of God's loving presence.
- When something wonderful happens, do you relate it to your faith? Why or why not?
- How do you think the transfiguration of Jesus made a difference for his disciples?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 9:2-9.

Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration with Moses and Elijah present is a heavenly moment as Jesus and his disciples make their way to Jerusalem, Golgotha, and the empty tomb. And, perhaps, that is what is so valuable and instructive about it. Jesus is headed to rejection, persecution, and a painful and shameful death. In our daily life as sojourners on earth and followers of Jesus, we, too know suffering of various kinds. We need—yes, perhaps even Jesus needed—a reminder that the road of life leads not just to suffering and death but to the fulfillment of God's promise of life and salvation. The heavenly voice that spoke at Jesus' baptism speaks again about Jesus as God's Beloved Son. What is added here is the critical admonition to listen to Jesus. In both Hebrew and Greek, to listen conveys the element of obedience. You listen to the one you are willing to obey, and the one you obey you hear with full attention. As we follow our crucified Lord through life, let us pay attention, listen closely, and seek faithful obedience to Jesus, the one who bestows on us God's heavenly glory. How do you listen closely to Jesus?

Pray: **Almighty and everlasting God, may we see glimpses of your glory that day by day we may listen and obey our Lord Jesus Christ with faith and confidence. Amen.**

SERVICE

In 2 Kings 2:1-12 God passes Elijah's mantle to Elisha. In the Bible God routinely passes on leadership from one person to another, like Abraham to Isaac, Jacob to Joseph, Moses to Joshua, and Elijah to Elisha. Who is someone you can encourage and support as a leader and servant of God this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

This is Transfiguration Sunday. Jesus' clothes became dazzling white. This was an amazing experience for the disciples. Think or talk about experiences you have had where you felt close to God. They are sacred moments. Spend time this week reading the Bible and reflecting on God's word. If you have children, use a children's storybook Bible.



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