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***Rooted in Faith      \*      Growing in Spirit      \*      Reaching out to Those in Need***  
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Transfiguration Sunday 10:45 am February 11, 2018

INTRODUCTION

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcoming of New Members

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please stand)*

We who have come to follow Jesus hear his voice, calling us to be apart for a little while.

We will listen and follow, and open ourselves to new visions.

The one who leads us will reveal to us who he is.

May our hearts be open to God's bright glory, shining in the face of Christ the Son!

OPENING PRAYER

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence, the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love, we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Help us to see him more clearly as we gather in his name, and through him to find our way to living faithfully as your children.

OPENING SONG

“Great and Mighty Is He”

Great and mighty is He,
Great and mighty is He.
Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor,
Great and mighty is He.

Great and mighty is He,
Great and mighty is He.
Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor,
Great and mighty is He.

Let us lift His name up high,
Celebrate His grace.
For He has redeemed our lives,
And He reigns on high.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Kasia Heidelberger

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us, seeing by faith his light of his countenance, may we be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen. *(please be seated)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Father of Light”
Zion Adult Choir**

Craig Courtney

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

WORD

2 Kings 2:1-12

Pew Bible OT p. 369

Today’s reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

PSALM Psalm 50:1-6

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory. (Ps. 50:2)

¹**The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.

³**Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.**

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.

⁵**“Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”**

⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,
for it is God who is judge.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Pew Bible NT p. 190

The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.

ALLELUIA *(please stand)* **“Hallelujah”**

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL HOLY GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

Pew Bible NT p. 45

Mark’s gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus’ followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God’s glory manifest in the beloved Son.

The holy gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

Pastor Erin

SONG OF THE DAY

“Open The Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your pow’r and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you.

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Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see you.
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
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I want to see you. I want to see you.

OFFERING

The children are welcome to come forward and place their offerings in the “For Children Everywhere” box.

OFFERING SONG

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.
Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord we want to see Jesus.

OFFERING PRAYER *(please stand)*

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have
and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In revealing a glimpse of God’s glory upon the mountain, Christ prepared his people to bear
the challenge and chaos of his passion and the days ahead. Today, he prepares in us a place
of refuge and rest, of glory and wonder, of peace and encouragement in the gifts of this table.
The gift of God for our salvation is Christ himself. The gift of this table to which he calls us
is Christ himself. Let us enter with joy into the mystery of our faith.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; please indicate to the server by raising your hand.*

DISTRIBUTION SONG **“Word of God Speak”**

I'm finding myself, at a loss for words.
But the funny thing is, its okay.
The last thing I need, is to be heard,
But to hear what You would say.

Word of God, speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty.
To be still and know, That You're in this place.
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness.
Word of God speak.

I'm finding myself in the midst of You.
Beyond the music, beyond the noise.
All that I need is to be with You,
And in the quiet hear your voice.

Word of God, speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty.
To be still and know, That You're in this place.
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness

Word of God, speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty.
To be still and know, That You're in this place.
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness
Word of God speak.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God,
In revealing a glimpse of his glory upon the mountain, Christ prepared his disciples to bear the challenge and chaos of the days of his passion which was to come. Today, he prepares in us a place of refuge and rest, of glory and wonder, of peace and encouragement in the gifts of this table. The gift of God for our salvation is Christ himself. The gift of this table to which he calls us is Christ himself. Let us enter with joy into the mystery of our faith. **Amen.**

SENDING

BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give peace. **Amen**

BLESSING

Go now into this week filled with the holiness of God, transformed by the glory of Jesus Christ, glowing with the enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit.

SENDING SONG

“You Shine”

Why should I fear man
When You made the heavens.
Why should I be afraid
When You put the stars in place.
Why should I lose heart
When I know how great You are.
Why should I give up
When Your plans are full of love.

In this world we will have trouble.
But You have overcome the world.

You shine brighter than the brightest star.
Your love, purer than the purest heart.
You shine, filling us with courage and strength
To follow You. Why should I fear man

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