

Mark 9:2-9

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 ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —
The Transfiguration of the Lord
— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

TODAY’S WORSHIP

Today’s choral music is sung by Chancel Choir members Tonna Miller-Vallés, Elizabeth van Os, William Ferguson and Steven Moore. Today’s organ music is played by Keith S. Tóth. Our preacher today is the Rev. Caroline Unzaga. The choristers in this service are made possible in part by the Wallace Music Fund.

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THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Kohzo Kakuta, beloved husband, father and grandfather by the Kakuta family.



NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans

WEEKLY CALENDAR

All programming is virtual unless otherwise indicated

Event Time Event Name

Sunday, 14 February 2021

11:00 AM to 12:15 PM Sunday Worship

Tuesday, 16 February 2021

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM Joint Finance Committee

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Children and Youth Choir Zoom

4:30 PM to 5:30 PM Keep Fit

Wednesday, 17 February 2021

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Communications Committee Meeting

12:15 PM to 1:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service of Worship

1:15 PM to 1:45 PM Distribution of Ashes on the Church Steps

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM Staff Meeting and Prayers

4:15 PM to 5:30 PM Ash Wednesday Seed Planting

5:00 PM to 5:30 PM Distribution of Ashes on the Church Steps

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM Session Meeting

Thursday, 18 February 2021

7:45 AM to 8:45 AM Men's Bible Study

9:15 AM to 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Keep Fit

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Cantabile”
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”
(See music at the end of this bulletin)

Unser Herrscher

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF 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

KYRIE

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:2-9
(See scripture text at the end of this bulletin)

Lisa A. Gustin

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Seeing What’s In Front of You”

The Rev. Caroline S. Unzaga

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(by Dorothy McRae-McMahon)*

We believe in a God who is never confined to our imagining,
is never in bondage to our beliefs, and never held fast in our dwelling places.
Our God is the mystery of divine and human bound together,
of power and vulnerability, of crucifixion and resurrection.
Our God is the wonder of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility of eternal wisdom and costly grace.
We celebrate this God who leaps free of all our boundaries in love
stretching out from horizon to horizon, and in mercy bending deep into fragile human hearts.

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Lesley Pella-Woo

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

“My Eyes for Beauty Pine”

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven
I turn my face. One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above: ’tis named when God’s
name is said, ’tis Love, ’tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,
is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire. — *Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray...

HYMN

“Jesus on the Mountain Peak”
(See music at the end of this bulletin.)

Mowsley

THE SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
“Prelude in B flat, BWV 560”
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 489

UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7

Benjamin Schmolck, 1732
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Joachim Neander, 1680
Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; alt.
Desc. John Dykes Bower (1905-1981)

Descant



3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done in - deed;



1. O - pen now thy gates of beau-ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2. Gra - cious God, I come be-fore Thee, Come Thou al - so down to me;
3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done in - deed;



May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee, While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed.



Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for God who an - swers prayer;
Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee, There a heaven on earth must be;
May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee, While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed.



Here of life the foun - tain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.



O how bless - ed is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace.
To my heart O en - ter Thou, Let it be Thy tem - ple now.
Here of life the foun - tain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.



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Matthew 17:2

Jesus on the Mountain Peak 74

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Brian Wren, 1962, 1988

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Cyril Vincent Taylor, b. 1907



1. Je - sus on the moun - tain peak Stands a - lone in
2. Trem - bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing,
4. This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law
in its thun - der, Je - sus as the Son by name!
sing be - fore Him, First and last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing: Al - le - lu - ia!
Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der: Al - le - lu - ia!
All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him! Al - le - lu - ia!



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