



He was transfigured before them ... and his clothes became dazzling white ... Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

# Encouraging and strengthening faith in Jesus, and sharing the joy of God's love.

February 11, 2018

Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday after Epiphany 10:15am

Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson, Interim Pastor

# -WE GATHER----

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

#### **CHOIR PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **QUILTERS MESSAGE**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.** 

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

P: Loving God, C: we confess that we have often turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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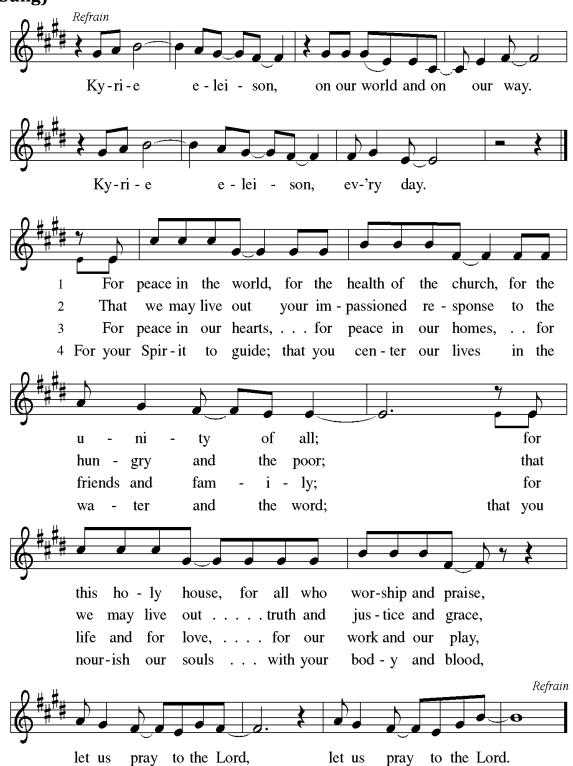


## THE GREETING

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 (Sung)** 



## HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the feast"



#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# Youth and Children's Message

# -WE HEAR GOD'S WORD-

#### FIRST READING:

## 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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."

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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."

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.** 

## **PSALM 50:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

#### <sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

God shines forth in glory.

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

## <sup>4</sup>God calls the heavens and the earth from above

## to witness the judgment of the people.

<sup>5</sup>"Gather before me my loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

#### <sup>6</sup>The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,

for it is God who is judge.

## **SECOND READING:**

## John 14:8-14

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. **Amen.** 

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord!** 

## **GOSPEL:**

## Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup>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, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>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.

- P: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ!
- P: You may be seated.

## SERMON

## **Rev. Dr. Sidney Nelson**

## - WE RESPOND ·



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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

#### I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition of the prayer is said:

A: Let us pray.

#### C: Have mercy, O God.

A/P: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.** 

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

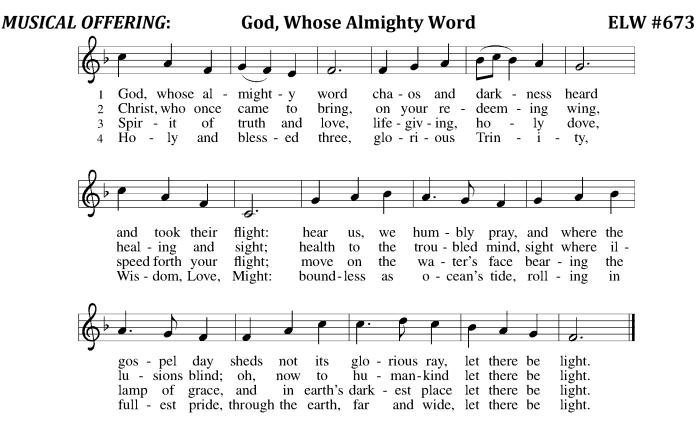
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### C: And also with you.

P: Let us share with one another the peace of the Lord.

# - WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE -

#### OFFERING



Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

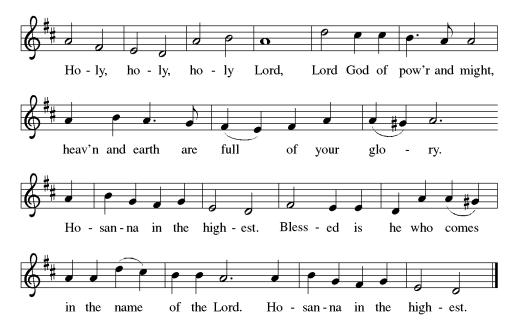
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Dialogue

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible,

we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### C: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **C: Come, Lord Jesus.** 

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

## C: Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen... 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 of Communion**

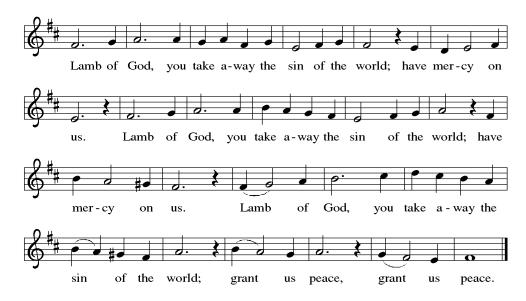
P: Welcome to the Lord's table.

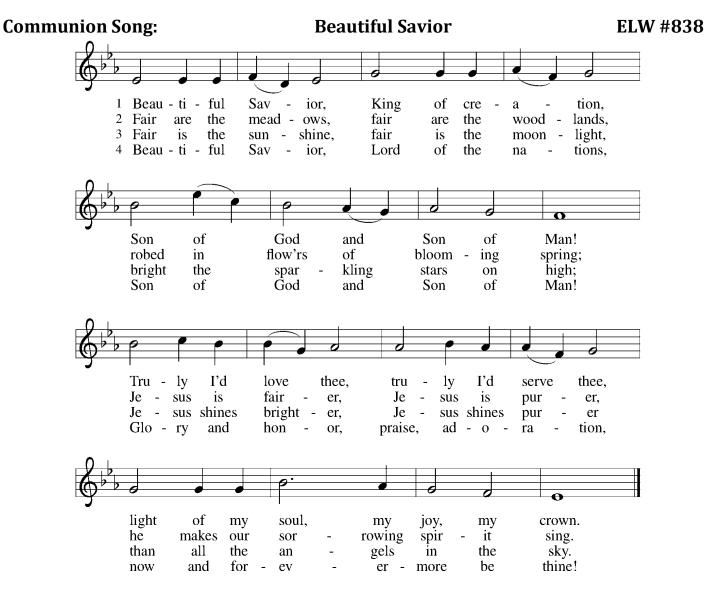
# **Reception of Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.** 

Communion distribution is continuous. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the bread in your hands as you hear the words "The body of Christ, given for you" to which you may respond, "Amen." You may then dip the bread into the cup as you hear the words "The blood of Christ, shed for you," to which you may respond, "Amen." Please note that the communion wine is alcohol-free. Please indicate if you need gluten-free elements.

# "LAMB OF GOD"





Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

#### Instrumental Music

#### Cesar Vidaud

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

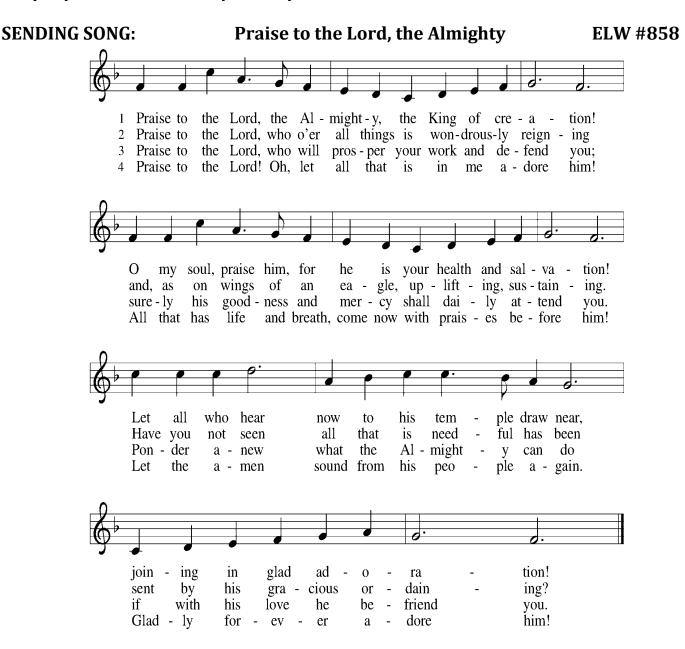
A: Let us pray.

A: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. **C: Amen.** 

# -WE ARE SENT FORTH-

## Benediction

P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 



Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

#### DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the joy of God's love. **C: Thanks be to God.** 

# **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**In our prayers** today are these members of our homebound and others of our parish family in need of healing: Laurel Blake, Jim Loggins, Barb Taylor, Diane Adler, Katie, Roy and Barbara Kaptain, Bob & Jane Reinhold, Trudy DiCarlo and Marie Koach.

#### Prayers for Friends of the Church: (Please renew your request every 3 weeks)

★ Shirley Christell, Elijah, Jerry & Mary, Pastor Pete Suwak & family at the death of his wife June, Kathy's Runk grand-daughter, and Elizabeth Cody. We extend our sympathy this morning to Cynthia (Cindy)Hoover on the passing of her mother, Ann Lawson Hoover last Monday. We pray for God 's comfort to abide with her, her brother, and family. ★ Henry Q., Carol's Zurick family, Susan's Perez family, Rosemarie Berglund, Sue, Edna, Michelle, Pat Falco, Frank & Marie Mulligan's niece, and George Cruz.

# In Our Prayers

In the Hospital: Elizabeth Cody - Holy Cross In a facility or homebound: Trudy DiCarlo - John Knox Village Barbara Kaptain - The Atrium Jane Reinhold - 6700 NW 21<sup>st</sup> St. Margate Evelyn Braun - 6152 Verde Trail #106 Boca Raton

Calendar					
Today9:00amChoir10:15amWorship Service11:45amConfirmationMonTuesWed8:00-9:30am Drive Up Ashes 12:00am Ash Wed Service (no music) 7:00pm worship (with music) 7:35 Choir Practice					
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. NEW CORRECTED CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS, we discovered that the contribution statements for last year printed the wrong year. We have printed the correct 2017 statements. In the back of the church we have the correct 2017 statements. If yours is there, please pick it up. We are sorry for this inconvenience. Thank You.
- 2. ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL

**MEETING:** The annual Congregation Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February, 18th. The meeting will be held immediately following the worship service. The meeting agenda will include the following important issues: Approving a revised Constitution, approving the 2018 budget, an updated status on a full time pastor. All members are encouraged to attend. Members who would like an electronic copy of the Constitution or the Annual Congregation Meeting Reports to review prior to the meeting should call Aidee at the Church office and she will send you an electronic copy. Also, a few hard copies of the **Constitution and the Annual Meeting Reports** will be made available in the back of the Church for pickup on Sunday, February 11th for those members interested.

- **3. ATTENDANCE CARDS,** are in our bulletin today for members and visitors. Please place in offering plate. Thank You.
- 4. CONFIRMATION CLASSES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGIN, even though our confirmation classes already started if you like to register your child you still have time!

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and our teachers will be Pastor Nelson and Sera Butz. Also registration for Sunday school for Elementary children is still open. Please feel free to bring your child at 9:00am.

- **5. OFFERING ENVELOPES**, 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick up on the back table. If any other friends of the church who would like offering envelopes, please see Larry Jones or Carol Jacobson.
- **6.** Please refer to our Lenten insert which list our Lenten Events.
- ASH WEDNESDAY, we will be having three opportunities on Ash Wednesday, February 14 to receive ashes. At 8:00 AM we will offer drive up ashes in front of the fellowship hall until 9:30 AM. At 12:15 we will have a brief, no music, Ash Wednesday service with ashes. At 7:00 PM we will have Holy Communion and ashes.
- **8.** Tickets available now \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. for more info please call Carol Jacobson or the church office.
- **9.** We are not doing our usual hand shaking during this flu epidemic. Please greet each other without shaking hands.
- **10.** We extend our Christian Sympathy to Cindy Hoover and her family on the deathof her mother, Anne Hoove. There will be a memorial service here on March 11 at 2:00pm.
- **11.** Welcome Rick and Peachie.



#### **Sunday Schedule**

10:15 a.m. Worship Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

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#### **Congregation Council**

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# Service Assistants for February

10:15 AM	February 11	February 18	February 25
ASSISTING MINISTER	Carol Jacobson	Natalie Prego	Sera Butz
ACOLYTE	Sera Butz	Aiyana Cartwright	Madison Kibler
LECTOR	Kevin Otterson	Rosie Fennelli	Catherine Zippay
USHERS – Need 4 to	Rosie Fennelli	Lisa Castaneda (w)	Marsha Kibler (w)
Serve	Patricia Belanger	Floyd MacDonald	Drew Kibler
	Linda Hanzlik (w)	Terry Shumway	Darin Kibler
	Catherine Zippay	Jeanne Pettit	Erika Flanigan
Head Usher	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli	Rosie Fennelli
GREETERS – Need 2 to	Kelly Jacobson	Caroline Smith	Kelly Jacobson
Serve	Rose Jones	Zachary Smith	Rose Jones
SOUND	Katie Paff	Dennis Magarrell	Eric Castaneda
PROJECTION	Eric Castaneda	Larry Jones	Larry Jones

#### Stewardship Snippet

February 11, 2018 (Transfiguration Sunday, Year B)

**2** Corinthians 4:6 — 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.

When do feel dim, more in darkness than in light? Everyone does once in a while. Here we are reminded that God's eternal light always shines in our hearts. As

stewards of the mysteries of God, in prayer and faith we draw close to the light.

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