

*Eternal life is personal
existence in continuity
with the present life,
but transfigured. —
Georgia Harkness*



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Let's Transfigure This Out Together



WELCOME

PRELUDE *Prelude in F, BWV 556* Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

God touches the world,
and the world changes.

God touches us,
and we are transformed.

In the brightest of day, in the deepest of night,
**on mountain, in valley, everywhere,
the light of Jesus shines.**

In this time, together, we invite God to open our eyes
to the transformation of our world.

We come to worship in awe and wonder.

HYMN *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*
TFWS no. 2103

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still
sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for
God by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Come, let us return to the Lord and pray:

**Lord our God, in our sin and brokenness we have
avoided your call. Our love for you is like a
morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from our poor
judgements and broken promises; bind up our
wounds and the wounds we have inflicted on others
and revive us all; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

May the God of love bring us back to himself, make us
into our best self, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his
eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer, change our
lives, make us wholly yours. Amen.**

SIGNS OF PEACE AND UNITY IN CHRIST

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the power of faith, hope and love.
We believe that the greatest of these is love. A love
that places you before I. A love that is patient and kind.
A love that isn't boastful or rude. A love that doesn't get
angry or record mistakes, but praises truth. A love that
protects, hopes, and endures through hard times.
We believe in a love so great that when everything else
is gone, even when heaven and earth are no more,
love will remain.** —Based on 1 Corinthians 13

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE I John 4:7-12, 19-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from
God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows
God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for
God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this
way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we
might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved
God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the
atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved
us so much, we also ought to love one another. No
one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God
abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. We
love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love
God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those
who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have
seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.
The commandment we have from him is this: those
who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP FOLDERS

MUSIC *Stop and Let Me Tell You* Traditional
Hope Choir

MESSAGE FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

MUSIC *Fairest Lord Jesus* arr. John Innes
Chancel Choir and Junior Choir

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heav'n can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God, and Son of Man,
Glory and honor, praise adoration,
now and forevermore, be Thine!
Forevermore be Thine, Amen!*

SCRIPTURE

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 bright, such as no one on earth could brighten 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 set up three tents: 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.

HYMN *Come Away With Me* TFWS no. 2202

MESSAGE *Let's Transfigure This Out Together*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy One, We come before you, many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain, and there is so much more of a climb left to even get to the point of dreaming that we might be dazzled by your divine presence.

Our loads are heavy, with worry, with regret, with fatigue, with illness, with despair for all in the world that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more.

(Silent prayer for all of the needs of friends, neighbors, and nations that burden your heart.)

We trudge ahead, following you, stumbling, hoping, praying, breathing hard, hearts pounding, and yes, even some of us are nimble and skipping.

(Pray for your own spiritual journey, for your deepest needs, for Christ's healing presence, and for renewed strength.)

Lead us Lord,

to the top of that mountain, where we might be dazzled by your Light, lifted by what is Divine, filled by the sheer delight of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real.

(Pray for our church leaders, our church's direction, our church's witness to the world.)

We pray this, for ourselves, for one another, and for the world in which we live. **Amen.**

THE 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. Amen.

OFFERING

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OFFERING VIDEO

Transfiguration by Brian Wren & Ricky Mandalo

OFFERING RESPONSE

no. 660, vs. 4

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We Believe!**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of Transformation, we offer our gifts this morning in response to your many blessings.

Remind us that our mission begins as we leave this place, and help us hold our memories of our mountaintop encounters with you in our hearts.

We pray boldly in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* no. 203

BENEDICTION

May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.

**We have been changed.
We can't be silent anymore.**

We have seen the Light of the World.
Go and share the radiance of God's love! **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*
Nageli/Mansfield

Bold text indicates congregational response.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Children's Message: Jacqui Rothera
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Todd Grimm, Jake Joslin, Heidi Krug, Brad Rush,
Zeke Shappell Smith, Cory Smith (leader)

Daily Prayer

*Lord Jesus, Living Word and shining Son of God,
in your presence we see the face of holiness.
Overshadow us with your power and grace,
so that we may keep your commandments
and speak your truth with courage and love;
all for the dazzling glory of your holy name.
Amen.*

Thoughts About Transfiguration



**Transfiguration
by Ann Reid**

*Listen to Jesus and follow him.
That's the message of the Transfiguration.*
-Pope Francis

*It broke the barrier between
heaven and earth for Jesus
was the one who could belong
to both at the same time.
A citizen of heaven,
a citizen of earth.* -Sara Lowe



**Transfiguration
by Mark Moyer**



**The Transfiguration
by Chris Brazelton**

*Creative experience foreshadows
a new Heaven and a new Earth.*
-Nikolai Berdyaev

*God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents
of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice
is transfigured into justice, so there will be more
compassion and caring, that there will be more
laughter and joy, that there will be more
togetherness in God's world.* -Desmond Tutu



**Transfiguration on Mt. Tabor
by Remigiusz Dobrowolski**



**Interior of the Transfiguration Church
on Mount Tabor in Israel**

*On the journey of faith, "we need to climb the
mountain, over and over again, allowing the light
of the Risen Lord to illuminate the darkness of our
existence,"* -Bishop Silvio José Báez, o.c.d.