



February 14, 2021. Transfiguration Sunday. Narrative Lectionary week 29 of year 3.

### **GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

Prelude

Greeting

Unison Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-10

But your loyal love, Lord, extends to the skies; your faithfulness reaches the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strongest mountains; your justice is like the deepest sea. Lord, you save both humans and animals. Your faithful love is priceless, God!

Humanity finds refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the bounty of your house; you let them drink from your river of pure joy. Within you is the spring of life.

In your light, we see light. Extend your faithful love to those who know you; extend your righteousness to those whose heart is right.

# **Prayer of Confession**

God of The Epiphany and source of epiphanies, you have revealed yourself to us through your only Son, Jesus Christ. He showed us the Way of truth and life. Christ still shows us the Way of righteousness through healing, mercy, compassion, and grace.

Forgive us for the ways we have strayed. Forgive us for the times we have tried to forge our own path. We confess that we need you to guide us as individuals and as a people of God. May we

seek the power and encouragement of the Holy Spirit to travel along Christ's Way. Amen

Pause for Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance

Share the Peace of Christ with others

Hymn #2103 FWS "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn #94 "Praise God"

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Luke 9:28-45 (CEB)** Brianna Pollock

About eight days after Jesus said these things, he took Peter, John, and James, and went up on a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes flashed white like lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, were talking with him. They were clothed with heavenly splendor and spoke about Jesus' departure, which he would achieve in Jerusalem. Peter and those with him were almost overcome by sleep, but they managed to stay awake and saw his glory as well as the two men with him.

As the two men were about to leave Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it's good that we're here. We should construct three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—but he didn't know what he was saying. Peter was still





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speaking when a cloud overshadowed them. As they entered the cloud, they were overcome with awe.

Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my chosen one. Listen to him!" Even as the voice spoke, Jesus was found alone. They were speechless and at the time told no one what they had seen.

The next day, when Jesus, Peter, John, and James had come down from the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus. A man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to take a look at my son, my only child. Look, a spirit seizes him and, without any warning, he screams. It shakes him and causes him to foam at the mouth. It tortures him and rarely leaves him alone. I begged your disciples to throw it out, but they couldn't."

Jesus answered, "You faithless and crooked generation, how long will I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon threw him down and shook him violently. Jesus spoke harshly to the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father. Everyone was overwhelmed by God's greatness.

While everyone was marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, "Take these words to heart: the Human One is about to be delivered into human hands." They didn't understand this statement. Its meaning was hidden from them so they couldn't grasp it. And they were afraid to ask him about it.

Hymn #2173 FWS "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Sermon Transfiguration by Rev. Robb McCoy

## **RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

Musical Offering

"I Have Decided" Mark Swessinger

Blessing

Postlude



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**WEEKLY GPS** 

**Grow** 

PRAY

STUDY

Current series: "This Is The Way"

Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Luke 9:51-62

Feb. 21 Good Samaritan Luke 10: 25-42

Feb. 28 Lament over Jerusalem Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

March 7 Lost Coin, Sheep, Son Luke 15:1-32

#### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Luke 9:35

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

#### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

Monday Isaiah 55:1-3 An Invitation to Abundant Life

Tuesday Luke 9:46-50 True Greatness

Wednesday Luke 9:51-62 Jesus Sets His Face Towards Jerusalem

Thursday Luke 10:1-12 The Mission of the Seventy

Friday Luke 10:17-20 The Return of the Seventy

Saturday Luke 10:21-24 Jesus Rejoices

#### **CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS**

- Thinking About This Week's Story: On the mountain, the voice of God told the disciples to listen to Jesus. Who did you listen to today? Who did you ignore?
- **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story**: Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan and visits with Mary and Martha, two beloved friends. Both stories share the spirit of helping others. What did you do to help others today?