

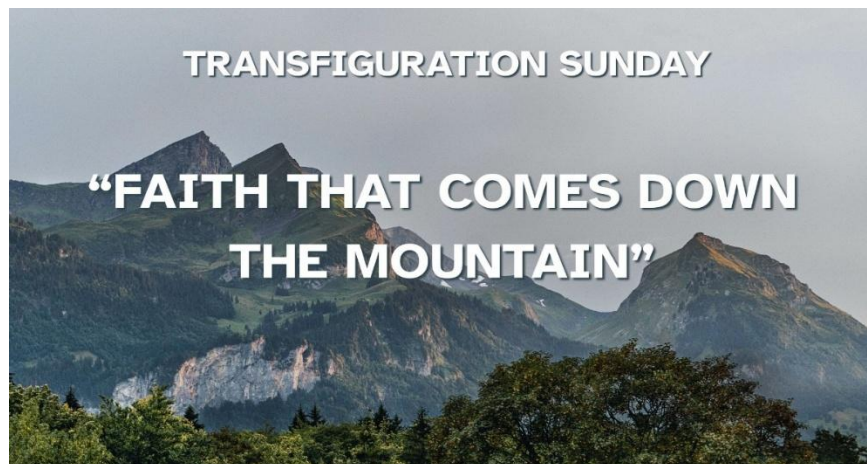
The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there. I'll give you the stone tablets with the instructions and the commandments that I've written in order to teach them." So Moses and his assistant Joshua got up, and Moses went up God's mountain. Moses had said to the elders, "Wait for us here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur will be here with you. Whoever has a legal

LORD's glorious presence looked like a blazing fire on top of the mountain. Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love.

afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."



*\*Please stand if it is comfortable for you*

# PRELUDE

## WELCOME & GREETING

\*SONG OF BEGINNING

*Immortal, Invisible,  
God Only Wise,*

No.103  
Red Hymnal

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has called us to the mountaintop and the glory of God is shining upon us.

**People: It is our gracious God whose voice we hear at a distance in the midst of the mysterious clouds.**

Leader: It is God who claims us each as beloved and who shines out of darkness and gathers us in.

**People: It is God who says, "Get up and do not be afraid."**

**All: Let us worship the One who shines into our darkness and brings enough light to guide us through each day.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

\*HYMN

*We Have Come at Christ's  
Own Bidding, vs. 1-3*

No. 2103

Black Hymnal

WITNESSING GOD'S LOVE TO OUR CHILDREN

*Children Pre-K through fifth grade may go to Children's Church. Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade go to the Nursery and 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade go to classroom E-8.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Merciful God, we acknowledge the anxiety, aggression, violence, hatred and suffering of life around us. Hurtful language and actions are around us every day. Sometimes we get immersed in ways that harm our spirits and begin to be reflected in our actions, attitudes and language. So, we hunger for encounters with the sacred and we hunger for mountaintop experiences where we will see and know you in new and marvelous ways. Yet, we confess that at times we come with little expectation of your transforming presence in our lives. Call us back into your ways of love and mercy. May we shine with the power of your Spirit and be renewed in true community as we make our silent confessions (silent confession).

SUNG RESPONSE

*Change My Heart,  
O God*

No. 2152

Black Hymnal

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*A Psalm of Praise*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

*Faith that Comes Down the Mountain*

\*HYMN

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills  
the Skies, vs. 1-3*

No. 173

Red Hymnal

A TIME FOR PRAYER

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND OUR BLESSINGS

Invitation

Offertory

\*Doxology

*No. 94 Red Hymnal*

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

\*CLOSING BLESSING

\*SUNG RESPONSE      *Let There Be Peace*      No. 431  
   *on Earth*      Red Hymnal

### Participating in Worship:

Rev. Jenny Arneson, Pastor

Lisa Wink, Treasurer, Worship Assistant

Owen Hinthorn, Reader

Daniel Taylor, Dir, of Family Ministry, Children's Time

Heavenly Handbells, Music; Steve Crego, Director

Sue Lundeen, Organist