



February 15, 2026, 10:30 am
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration of the Lord

Welcome to worship! Led by the Holy Spirit, we glorify God, nurture the faith with each other, and witness the fullness of Christ's love in the world. Beyond the pews, we hope you will grow in faith with us on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Our service today includes the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All are invited to share in this joyful feast of the people of God as you are served in your pew. Children are welcome in the Sanctuary, with childcare available for infants through 4-year-olds in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

✠We rise in body or spirit.
We say words in bold together.

GATHERING

Prelude *Father, We Praise Thee* arr. Benton Price

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Gathering Prayer

God of majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelations of your glory. Give us the gift of faith, that we may hear your voice for ourselves and see Jesus Christ revealed this day. Amen.

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Marjolijn Bijlefeld

Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who spoke and called light out of nothing now shines in our hearts.

The Lord our God is holy!

The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

The Lord our God is holy!

Beloved, we have glimpsed the glory of God.

The Lord our God is holy!

✠Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

✠Prayer of Confession

God of transfiguration, you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops. Yet we admit that too often our eyes are shut to your

presence, too often our ears are closed to your call, too often our hearts are hardened to the cries of the hungry and hurting. Forgive us, we pray, and shine on us once again that we may be free to love and serve as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

✠Gloria Patri (Hymn 581)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

✠Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: *Exodus 24:12-18*
Psalm 99

p. 87 in the pew Bible
p. 678 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Natasha Taylor, Faith Formation Coordinator

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott, arr.

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 17:1-9*

p. 22 in the pew Bible

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mountaintops

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

✠Affirmation of Faith from *The Confession of 1967* (inclusive language text)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. God has created the world of space and time

to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

✠Hymn 193(verses 1-3) *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

*Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.*

*What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.*

*What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,
"Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. McCoy Franklin

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

God of Moses and Elijah, you come to us in a whirlwind of mystery, . . .
Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, in this place, for these people, . . .
**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Today communion will be served in the pews. You are welcome to consume the elements in a moment of personal prayer or hold them until all have been served so we may partake together. All the bread is gluten-free and the cups contain grape juice. These are the gifts of God for the people of God!

Prayer After Receiving

SENDING

✠Hymn 634

To God Be the Glory

during the first verse, children and youth are dismissed to the Ed Building for choir

*To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*REFRAIN: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things He has done!*

*Great things he has taught us; great things he has done!
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Edward Broughton

*Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.
Join us in the Fellowship Hall for our 3rd Sunday lunch and an afternoon of games.*



*The flowers on the pulpit are given by Sara Broyles
in memory of her husband, Walker Broyles.*

Serving in Worship Today:

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: Linda Benn, Diane Peterson

Elevator Assistant: Barry Hall

Communion Servers: : Connie Barnes, Bryan Eland, Erik Fino, Mike Gibson, Bruce Harvey, John Howe, Barb LeRoy, Adam Nelen, Kathy Pecka, Tom Theado

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