



## **Transfiguration of Christ Sunday**

**February 15, 2026**

Whether you are joining us in person or on-line,  
know that we are here to journey along with you as we live into our mission: to follow and invite others to follow  
Jesus Christ.

### **Prelude**

**Message for the Lord's Day**

**Rev. Deborah Coble**

### **Remembering our Baptism**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Beyond our busyness,  
Above the cold winter floor there is a glory rising  
born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us

**a light that shines through the clouds  
an invitation seeking all of who we are  
that transfigures the world**

that transforms darkness into hope  
that brings life from a cross  
where old life ends and new life is born

**In glory Jesus meets us here  
raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain carrying the weight of our  
humanity  
to the heights of heavens glory.**

Let us worship from the mountain and hear again  
"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

**\*Song**                      **Down By The Riverside**

**\*Song**                      **Just A Closer Walk With Thee**

**First Lesson**                      **Exodus 24:12-18**                      **CEB**

### **Word for Children**

**Second Lesson**                      **Matthew 17:1-9**

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.

Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. 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. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be 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."

## **Mardi Gras Celebration**

### **Special Music                      Down By The River To Pray**

#### **Prayers of the People**

After each petition, there will be a pause for silent prayer.

After Pastor says "Lord in your mercy" ALL reply "hear our prayers."

Together, let us pray for the people of this congregation...

for those who are suffering...

for those who don't know where their next meal will come

from and those who are looking for shelter from the cold...

for our troops, police, EMTs, firefighters,

and others in harm's way...

for the earth you have given to our care...

for the Church universal;

its leaders, its members, and mission...

for peace and goodwill to all...

#### **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.**

#### **Mission And Ministry Moment**

#### **Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings**

#### **Special Music                      I'll Fly Away**

#### **\*Doxology**

**Blessed be God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

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**Blessed be His kingdom now and forever. Amen, Amen.**

#### **\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Radiant God, you meet us in moments of mystery and transformation, calling us to listen, to follow, and to give ourselves in love. As we offer these gifts, we confess our impatience with waiting and our longing for clarity, even when you speak from the cloud.**

**Let these offerings be more than habit; let them reflect the light of Christ we have glimpsed on the mountaintop and the hope we carry into the valleys below. Use them—and us—to shine your love where shadows linger, until all your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Song            Oh When The Saints Go Marching In**

**\*Benediction**

**Life is short and we have too little time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.  
So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind,**

and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.  
**Amen.**

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**Ash Wednesday**, February 18, marks the beginning of the 40-day season of Lent, emphasizing mortality, repentance, and spiritual renewal. Our church will offer two opportunities for

Ash Wednesday worship.

- Drop by any time between noon and 1 for a time of personal reflection and imposition of ashes.
- 6:30pm Ash Wednesday worship service with special music, prayers and imposition of ashes. The Peacemakers youth group will help lead this service.

