

Welcome to Worship

Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2026

PRESERVICE MUSIC: *by Messiah and Moe Handbells*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG:

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Vs 1-4, 6) *ELW 886*

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, the wondrous light of your Son shines down from the mountaintop into our hearts. May we brightly shine with the light of Jesus until all the world is changed by His love! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *by Pastor Dave and Deacon Joanne*

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *by Messiah and Moe Handbells*

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC: *by Moe Choir*

PRAYER for TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY:

God of our mountaintops,

give us gravity.

God of our valleys,

give us perspective.

God of our peaks,

give us stillness.

God of our depths,

give us footsteps forward.

God of the whole creation,

give us community.

God of our inmost, quiet souls,

give us your voice

God of our bodies,

give us your spirit.

God with us in our restlessness and wakefulness,

give us your rest.

God with us in our sleep and calm,

give us vision of newness.

God in our living and God in our dying.

God in our laughter and God in our weeping.

God in our fear and God in our joy.

God in our doubting and God in our praise.

God who comes to us in booming thunder and pouring rain.

God of light, water, and wind,

God of language and singing, and silence,

We come today, offering you what is in our hearts.

(Pause for silent prayers)

We hold all things up to you,

confident that you are present

in darkest corners and brightest light!

Amen.

OFFERING *with special music by Moe Choir*

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks & praise.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;

beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER:

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING SONG: “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

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BLESSING and DISMISSAL:

Bishop Bill:

For everything there is a season,
a time for every matter under heaven.

All:

**So, too, there’s a time for movement, new adventures,
new places yet to be touched with the grace of God!**

Bishop Bill:

Dave and Joanne, go forth in love, to share God’s grace in the world.

Dave and Joanne:

We go into the world to live the vision God has given us,
to respond with the love of Christ in all we do, to become channels
for God’s mercy, grace, and peace wherever we may be!

Bishop Bill:

People of God, go forth in love, to share God’s grace in the world.

All:

**We go into the world to live the vision God has given us,
to respond with the love of Christ in all we do, to become channels
for God’s mercy, grace, and peace wherever we may be!**

Bishop Bill:

Go now in peace to serve the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God!

*A word of thanks
from Deacon Joanne and Pastor Dave:*

*Our hearts overflow with gratitude for all of you
and for this wonderful gathering today!*

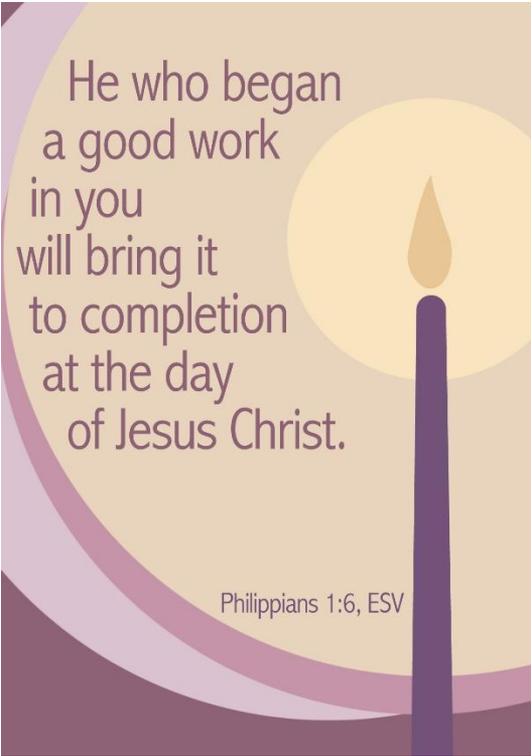
*To all of you who came to celebrate with us ...
you honor us and we are grateful.*

*To all who have brought the joy of
music, food, and fellowship to this day ... thank you!*

*To Bishop Bill, who has been a loving, guiding shepherd
to us during our ministry years here ... thank you!*

*And to our faithful, amazing God who works all things
together for the good of those who love him ...*

To God be the Glory!



He who began
a good work
in you
will bring it
to completion
at the day
of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6, ESV