



The Church of The Transfiguration

Rooted in Christ ~ Bound in Love ~ Called to Ministry

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:15 AM Prelude

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

A. Gordon

The Word of God

10:15 AM Processional Hymn

"When Morning Guilds the Skies"

427; *Hymnal* 1982

* Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

* 8:00 AM Song of Praise "Venite" (*All say*)

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

* 10:15 AM Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God”

S-280; *Hymnal* 1982

* Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Reading

I Kings 19:9-18

Reader: A Reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on

your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

Let us pray today's psalm responsively by half verse.

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, * ***for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.***
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * ***that his glory may dwell in our land.***
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; * ***righteousness and peace have kissed each other.***
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, * ***and righteousness shall look down from heaven.***
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, * ***and our land will yield its increase.***
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, * ***and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.***

The Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
834, vs. 1; *Glory to God Hymnal*

* The Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the

disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

834, vs.2; *Glory to God Hymnal*

Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Bornt

* The Nicene Creed

Presider Please stand as you are able, and let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

***eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,***

of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate

from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

***We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

*** The Prayers of the People: Form IV**

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

Closing Collect

by the Presider

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Prayer for Those Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Special Thanksgivings:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider prays

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

* The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be with you always

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

10:15 AM Offertory Anthem

“Climb Every Mountain”

Bernadette Roche soprano, Bill Spare bass

Rogers & Hammerstein

* 8:00 AM Doxology (*Spoken*) & * 10:15 AM Presentation of our Gifts

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

10:15am # 380, v.3;
Hymnal 1982

* The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship 1

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Presider proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

* 8:00 AM Sanctus (*All say*) & 10:15 AM Sanctus
S-130; Hymnal 1982

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (10:15am sung 2x)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you

looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, your holy child.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you, this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

10:15 AM Fraction Anthem

“Christ our Passover”

S-154; Hymnal 1982

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

10:15 AM Communion Hymn

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

835; *Glory to God Hymnal*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing (*All stand as able*)

* 10:15 AM Recessional Hymn

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

353; *Glory to God Hymnal*

* Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

10:15 AM Postlude
"Allegro Maestoso"

G. F. Handel

Adult Study Class meets in Memorial Hall today at 9:00 AM.

Please join us for fellowship in Memorial Hall following the 10:15 AM service

Today's Ministers

Presider: The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz

Co-Presider: The Rev. Lisa Bornt

8:00 AM

Lector Brad Staup
LEM Tony Traini

10:15 AM

Lector Vince Parmesano
LEM Hamp Tisdale

Tellers: Barbara Collins and Hamp Tisdale

Next Sunday

8:00 AM

Lector Brad Staup
LEM Tony Traini

10:15 AM

Lector Bill Spare
LEM Barbara Collins

Tellers: Judy Hubbard and Bernadette Roche

Parish Prayer Lists

Diocese of Maryland

Resurrection, Baltimore; The Slate Project, Baltimore;
St. Bartholomew's, Baltimore; David A. Stenner;
Carol Burnside; John M. Evans; Katrina L. Grusell

August Prayers for Body, Mind & Spirit

John Rolph, Toni Beaird-Wilson, Mary Belcher, Dorothy Beaird,
Stuart Delchamps, Ian Tisdale, Linda Galloway, Pearl O'Hara,
James Belcher, Jr., Richard & Andi Galliher

Weekly Parish Cycle of Prayer

Rick & Jackie Galliher, Mel & Linda Galloway, Harry Greene

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Scott Myers, George Roberts

Prayers for Returning Health and Healing

Linda Myers, The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz, Mary Belcher, Andy Davis, Judy Willson, Erica Wood, Linda Turbyville, James Belcher, Jr., Eileen Ward, Pearl O'Hara, Celeste Wood, Michael Staley, Sydney Heimbrock, Marusia Zearfoss, Rachel Payant, Steven Ronquillo, Joe Ferraro John Killian, Roberto & Dory and their two sons, Jim Hubbard, Laura Adack, Carmen Calderon, Don Smith, Karl Kaefer, Ronnie and John Pawson, Carole Garvar, Eugene Roberts, Jackie Galliher, Bridget Hubbard, Todd Evans, Marilyn Roche, Marcia Shingleton

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Sunday Healing ~ anyone seeking healing prayers and anointing are invited to do by gathering at the altar after each service today.

Middletown Valley Food Bank

Middletown Valley Food Bank (MVFB) has particular needs for toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toiletries, and any / all food stuffs. Our Outreach Team has extended a challenge to donate 60 *food & toiletry items* each month in 2026. Through the first week of August, we gave 43 items, 32 rolls of toilet paper and 12 rolls of paper towels! We have exceeded our goal every month this year – let's keep it going! Thank you for offering these gifts of care for our community.

Adult Education Group

This informal group is held at 9:00 AM in the Memorial Hall. It is open to everyone and all are welcome. Come and share a donut and coffee as we discuss books about our faith. The book being discussed next is *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

COTT Website & Communications

We are working on shifting the weekly Announcements to our website. They will still be listed in the weekly bulletin, and thank you for your patience as we are refining our communication process.

Next Vestry Meeting

The Vestry is taking a summer hiatus in August. The next Vestry meeting will be on Sunday, September 20th. Please connect with Lisa+ if you have questions or items for the Vestry's consideration.