



The Church of The Transfiguration

Rooted in Christ ~ Bound in Love ~ Called to Ministry

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:15 AM Prelude

“Thou Shalt Bring Them In”

G. F. Handel

The Word of God

10:15 AM Processional Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

544; *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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

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

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * ***let all the peoples praise you.***
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, * ***for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.***
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; * ***let all the peoples praise you.***
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the

mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

671, vs.1-2; *Hymnal 1982*

* The Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

671, vs. 3-4; *Hymnal 1982*

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

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.

Presider and People

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 Hymn

"There is a Wideness in Gods' Mercy"

470: *Hymnal 1982*

* 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

***“My God, Thy Table Now is Spread”
321; Hymnal 1982***

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

***“O Zion, Haste”
539; Hymnal 1982***

* 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 Moderato”

G. F. Handel

***Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Craig Zearfoss by Marusia Zearfoss.***

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

Today's Ministers

Presider: The Rev. Lisa Bornt
Co-Presider: The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz

8:00 AM

Lector Brad Staup
LEM Tony Traini

10:15 AM

Lector Bill Spare
LEM Barbara Collins

Tellers: Judy Hubbard and Bernadette Roche

Next Sunday

8:00 AM

Lector Brad Staup
LEM Tony Traini

10:15 AM

Lector Scott Myers
LEM Hamp Tisdale

Tellers: Vince Parmesano and Hamp Tisdale

Parish Prayer Lists

Diocese of Maryland

St. David's, Baltimore; St. James', Baltimore;
St. Matthias & Messiah, Baltimore; Mark W. Wastler;
Theodore G. Jones; Sandra L. Kline-Mortimer; Kenneth O. Phelps

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

Robin Heiser, Bill & Betsy Hillringhouse, Heather & Mark Hinkle

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jim & Judy Hubbard

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

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 two weeks of August, we gave 61 items, 34 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.

Canon Kate Riley Visits

On Sunday, September 13th, we will welcome Canon Kate Riley, our Canon for Youth & Young Adults, as part of our mission conversation series.

Women's Coffee Klatch

There will be no Coffee Klatch in August, and the next Klatch will be on Sat. Sept. 19th, at 10 AM in Memorial Hall.

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.