



**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**February 15, 2026 10:30 a.m.**

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Chorale and Prayer" from "Suite Gothique" Leon Boellmann

\*CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>(1)</sup> *Based on 2 Peter 1:19*

One: As a light shining in a darkened place, the day dawns.

**All: and the morning star rises in our hearts.**

One: When we still our thoughts, we hear God's voice:

**All: Jesus is the one I love, with him I am well pleased!**

One: The day is new; come, let us worship!

\*GATHERING HYMN "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In" #73 *New Century Hymnal*  
*(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)*

**Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.**

**Refrain: Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.**

**Open yourself to the song. Open yourself to the song. Refrain**

**Open your hearts everyone. Open your hearts everyone. Refrain**

**Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change. Refrain**

**Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Refrain**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)**

We have good intentions, O God. We like to think we understand what you want but end up doing what we want instead.

**We have grand ideas, but neglect to include you in our planning.**

Our neglect of you piles up pebble by pebble, barely noticeable until they become mountains too high to climb on our own.

**And so, we stay put. We choose the safety of complacency rather than the risk of following where you lead.**

Pardon our lack of trust, and in your mercy, forgive us and embolden us to follow wherever you lead. *(silent confession)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Arise! Jesus tells us, and don't be afraid!

Open your eyes and see the One sent to love the world in grace and truth.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Hallelujah" #236 *New Century Hymnal (repeat once)***

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN**

**CHORAL ANTHEM "Amazing Grace/Pachelbel's Canon"**

Traditional Folk Hymn and Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel; Arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

**LISTENING**

*God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible p. 798

A Word of God that is still speaking,

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

**SILENT REFLECTION**

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” #190 *Glory to God Hymnal*  
*Tune: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” #23 New Century Hymnal*

**Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven’s voice, the dazzling light;  
Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!  
Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit’s rise  
Downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.**

**Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth,  
Not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth,  
But by following the Savior through the valley to the cross  
And by testing faith’s resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.**

**Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines,  
And recast our life’s intentions to the shape of your designs.  
Till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary’s hill  
And our living and our dying and our rising by your will.**

### **RESPONDING**

*We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.**

OFFERTORY “All Praise to Thee”

Paul Manz

*(Offer to God and then use this time for prayer and meditation. A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)*

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “We Give You But Your Own” #785 *New Century Hymnal*

**We give you but your own, whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

*With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.*

\*COMMISSIONING HYMN "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" #182  
*New Century Hymnal*

*(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)*

**We have come all Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,  
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,  
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:  
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,  
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,  
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.**

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in D Minor"

John Stanley

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### Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted from Iona Abbey Worship Book, Iona Community, 2001
- (2) Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1; Kimberly Bracken Long, editor.

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