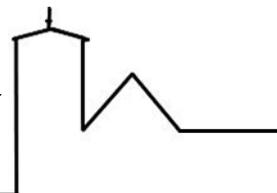


Transfiguration of the Lord



GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST,

THE PREPARATION

**Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf, BWV 617
(Lord God, now unlock your heaven)**

J.S Bach

Chorale Prelude on Fairest Lord Jesus

A.D Miller

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let's go up the mountain.

**Let's go up to the place where the land meets the sky,
where the earth touches the heavens,**

to the place of meeting,

to the place of mists,

to the place of voices and conversations,

to the place of listening.

OPENING PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)

O God, we open our eyes and see Jesus, the months of ministry transfigured into a beam of light, the light of the world, your light.

May your light shine upon us.

We open our eyes and see Moses and Elijah. Your word restores us, shows us the way, and tells a story, your story, his story, our story.

May your word speak to us.

We open our eyes, and we see mist, the cloud of your presence, which assures us of all we do not know and that we do not need to fear.

Teach us to trust.

We open our eyes and see Peter's constructions, his best plans, our best plans, and our missing the point and the way.

Forgive our foolishness and sin.

We open our eyes and see Jesus, not casting us off but leading us down, leading us out—to ministry, to people.

Your love endures forever.

We open our ears and hear your voice, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him!"

And we give you thanks. Amen

***HYMN 75**

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Deo Gracias

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

Mothering God, we confess that we often wish to spend all our time with you on the mountaintop, where we are sure of your presence and feel connected to you.

We confess that when we come down from the mountain, we often fail to return to the world as your hands and feet. We struggle to see you in the faces of our neighbors, and we are overwhelmed by the brokenness we see in the world.

Forgive us, O God, when our vision is limited, and our actions do not reflect our discipleship. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

KYRIE HYMN 565

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

GLORIA HYMN 567

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 24: 12-18

PSALM 2 Hymn 159

Why Are Nations Raging

Salzburg

EPISTLE: 12 Peter 1:16-21

GOSPEL: Matthew 17: 1-9

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

SERMON:

“Listen to Him”

Rev. Tim Mitchell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 74

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

Mowsley

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) (people of Patmos Abbey)

**We believe our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, and enabling Spirit of God,
who yearns for our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is present in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and discipline are also loving gifts.**

**We believe our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church, we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

This is our faith, and we are humbled to profess our faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

O Nata Lux

Morten Lauridsen

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptory saecult,
Dignare Clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere,
Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus er pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with kindness deign to receive
the praise and prayer of supplicants.
You who once deigned to be
clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be made members
Of your blessed body.



SEALING THE WORD

INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS

In your mercy... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (singing together, Hymn 571)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 73

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Geneva

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Postlude

Grand Plein Jeu: Deo Gracias

Mary Beth Bennett

Leading in worship today:

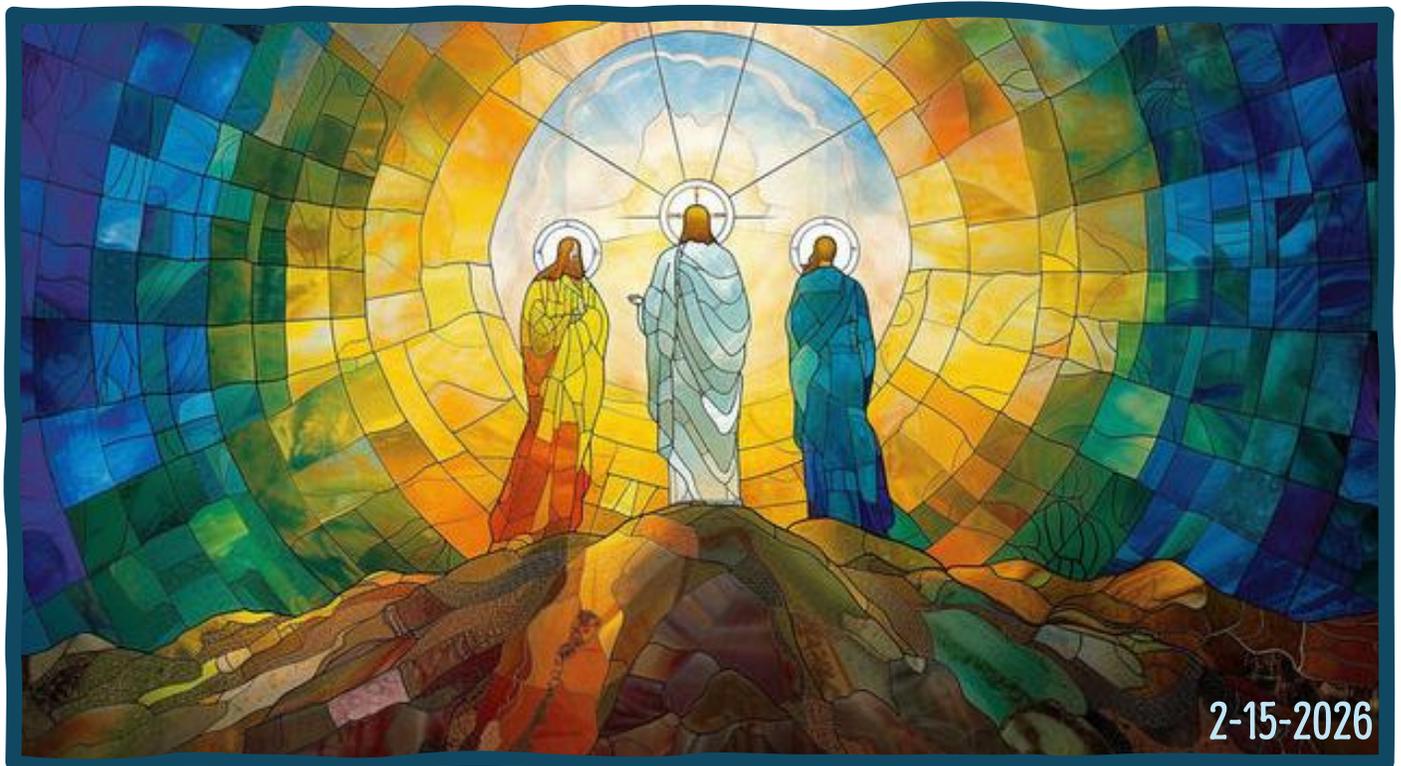
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Dr. Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster

J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · Kate Kortemeier, alto

Tess Howley, soprano · David Kortemeier, bass

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