

# HEARTS @ HOME



A Worship Service for Your Household

Sunday February 14, 2021

Transfiguration Sunday

RCL: Mark 9:2-9

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## + GATHERING +

Together with God – Parent, Savior, Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

## + CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS +

God of goodness and mercy, help us as we open our hearts and confess our sins.

Many of your children are overcome with spiritual weariness and feel frustrated with things that cannot be controlled;

Energy for online worship, prayer, and faith formation is waning, and can leave us feeling dissatisfied with our circumstances;

Sometimes the changes that are necessary for us to connect feel uncomfortable, so we respond with expressions of anger or selfishness, instead of embracing them as an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus in new ways with new people;

Other times Jesus is transfigured right before our eyes, appearing to us in new and deeply meaningful ways, yet our neglect and distractions keeps us from participating in the mystery of Jesus and glory of God's promises;

We are truly sorry and ask for your forgiveness.

Help us to do what's right in the days to come;

Surround us and renew us with your grace.

**AMEN**

God is good, and loves us unconditionally, at all times and in all places. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus our sins are forgiven.

**AMEN.**

## + PRAYER +

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## + SCRIPTURE +

+ **Mark 9:2-9**

+ **Spark Story Bible:** The Transfiguration (Pages 358-359)

+ **Northwest Synod of Wisconsin App:** Click the 'Bible' tab at the bottom.

## + REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD +

**Option 1:** Click on your congregation's sermon video or live worship link

**Option 2:** Use the following questions for in-home conversation or personal reflection

**Option 3:** Use questions for reflection + Coloring Sheet (page 4)

### Questions:

+ How would you have felt hearing the voice of God on that mountain? What might you have thought about the vision of Elijah and Moses?

+ Think of or share a story in which Jesus had been revealed to you in a new way.

+ What does it mean for us, personally and as a church, to listen to God's Son?

## + APOSTLES' CREED +

I believe in God, the Father Almighty  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

## + PRAYERS +

With all the people of God, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

- + God of glory, your church is so much bigger, so much more diverse that what we often see; your Gospel is shared in many languages - spoken, written, and sung – and you call us to accompany one another in mission to serve our neighbors across the globe; grant our ministry partners in Malawi, Africa healing and peace in their struggle with overwhelmed hospitals and a shortage of medical staff as they face the devastating effects of Covid 19. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + On this Valentine's Day, we lift up all those who mediate conflict, for the mental health professionals spiritual care providers, teachers, family and friends, and all others who help us understand our worth and show us how to love one another; we thank you, God, for the unconditional love that you have shown to us through Jesus Christ – may we all embody this kind of love every day and share it freely in everything we do. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + Your creation is magnificent, Mighty God, and we are thankful for the beauty of mountains and oceans, trees and sky, animals and birds, winter snow and summer rain; redirect our hearts and minds to give more attention to our outdoor environment, help us to see where the earth is damaged, and help us to create meaningful solutions to care for things in a way that is impactful and sustainable. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**
- + For those who are ill, injured, grieving, and lonely; for those facing addiction and those recovering; for anyone who is hungry, homeless, unemployed, or underemployed, for victims of abuse, war, violence, or oppression; and for anyone who is suffering in any way, we pray, God of mercy, for your intervention – please remain steadfast in your comfort and bring peace and wholeness to all those who need it. Lord in your mercy, **AMEN.**
- + *Add your own prayers here...*

Loving God, we give all these prayers to you, trusting in your mercy and grace. **AMEN.**

## + OFFERING +

As people of faith we are called to continue strengthening the ministry of the church, even when we are physically distant. We invite you to prayerfully consider a gift to your congregation or the synod – as the body of Christ we work together to serve our neighbors.

**+ LORD'S PRAYER +**

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.**

**+ BLESSING EACH OTHER +**

Using your pointer finger, dip it in the bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on another's forehead or the back of their hand saying, **"You are a beloved child of God."**  
Take turns until all in the household have been blessed.

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