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Our Mission...

to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

Transfiguration Sunday February 27th, 2022

***Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

We acknowledge that we meet in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

THE LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

In Christian teaching and tradition, each Sunday is believed to be a little Easter, a weekly celebration of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we light this candle, affirming that Christ is indeed the light of the world, our hope and our salvation. There is no other in whom we place our trust.

CALL to WORSHIP

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

And also with you.

PRELUDE – "Panis Angelicus"

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(César Franck)
~Joanne Diplock

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of life and light,
your Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death on the cross.
Give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to follow him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reader: *Gay Todd*

Hebrew Scripture: **Exodus 34: 29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Epistle: **2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4:2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: **Luke 9: 28-36**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since

they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Response: *The Gospel of Christ.*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: **"*Transfiguration*"**

~Rev. Don Johnson (see attached sermon)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

INTERLUDE: *VU #104 – "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"*

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(Carl P. Daw, Jr.)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 We have come at 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.**
- 2 Light breaks in upon our darkness;
 splendour 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.**
- 3 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.**

PRAYERS

...O Merciful God,
Hear our Prayer.

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 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,
the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE – "*Shine, Jesus, Shine*"

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(Graham Kendrick)
~Joanne Diplock