

Cornwall Pastoral Charge - West River United Church

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Worship on Sunday, February 15th, 2015

Transfiguration Sunday

Lectionary Readings this week
(February 15th)
2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

'Awe and Wonder'

Lectionary Readings next week
(February 22nd)
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME


WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

ONE: This is a good day to greet one another in Jesus name.

ALL: **This is a good day to share Christ's love and Christ's forgiveness.**

ONE: The peace and forgiveness of Christ be yours.

ALL: **And also yours.**

 This Little Light of Mine (*projected*)

INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

'How does the experience of the holy transform us and our mission?'

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

ONE: May the Spirit of Christ be with you. (light the Christ Candle)

ALL: **And also with you.**

 Christ Be Our Light (*projected*)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Transfiguration on Mountain Top)

ONE: Come to the mountaintop to pray, for God will not keep silence.

ALL: **We gather to listen for God's word and to make our response.**

ONE: Come to the light of God's revelation, for we are in darkness apart from God's love.

ALL: **The light shines in our hearts, giving knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus.**

ONE: Come, as God's covenant people, who serve and sacrifice in faithfulness.

ALL: **The heavens declare God's righteousness and draw us to the excitement of worship.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH (IN UNISON)

ALL: God of love and of justice, God of holiness and mercy, God of thunder and of the still small voice within, we pray you to shine upon us today. Bestow upon us a double portion of your Spirit, and help us to hear your Word and perceive the marvels you are performing. Grant that we may see beyond the turmoil of our world and behold your anointed one in all his glory. Touch us and lift us into the light and peace of your presence. Strengthen us for your service as we worship you – we ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

♪ 'This Is God's Wondrous World' (*projected*)

♪ 'Beautiful Gaia' (*projected*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 2:2-12 Elijah is taken up into heaven (*New International Version*)

² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it." ⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. ⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it." ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan.

⁸Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. ¹⁰ "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours--otherwise not." ¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, (*over...!*)

"My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.

Mark 9:2-9 – The Transfiguration of Jesus *(New International Version)*

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters--one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) ⁷ Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC – LADIES CHOIR

MEDITATION

HYMN VU 104– 'We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding' *(projected)*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING and PRESENTATION – "LADIES CHOIR"

 I Saw the Rich Ones *(projected)*

DEDICATION PRAYER (IN UNISON)

ALL: Bless these offerings, O God, that they may alleviate human suffering and fears, lead us to the fullness of life that Christ offers, and minister to the needs of people we may never know. May others see the glory of Christ because of our caring and sharing. Amen

PRAYER TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

ALL: O Loving God, we confess that we have allowed so many things to come between us and the gospel, that we can not see the light of Christ or hear your voice calling us to listen. We have neither the courage nor the faith to respond effectively to your call. We are more concerned for your our own safety and comfort. As you forgive us again, we pray that you will lift the veil that blinds us, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

QUIET TIME

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Through Jesus Christ our Lord...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.**

HYMN VU 232– 'Joyful, Joyful We Adore You' (*projected*)

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

ONE: The voice of God, which calls us to the mountain top, sends us back into our everyday world.

ALL: We scatter with God's word in our hearts and the assurance of God's power sustaining us.

ONE: Take with you the light of God's revelation and the knowledge of God's glory in Christ.

ALL: We seek to attune our spirits to our creator, that the light may shine for others through us.

ONE: Live in covenant with God and all God's people, and your lives will be richly blessed.

ALL: We give ourselves, without counting the cost, that the gospel may be proclaimed as we serve. Amen.

 "You Shall Go Out with Joy" (*projected*)