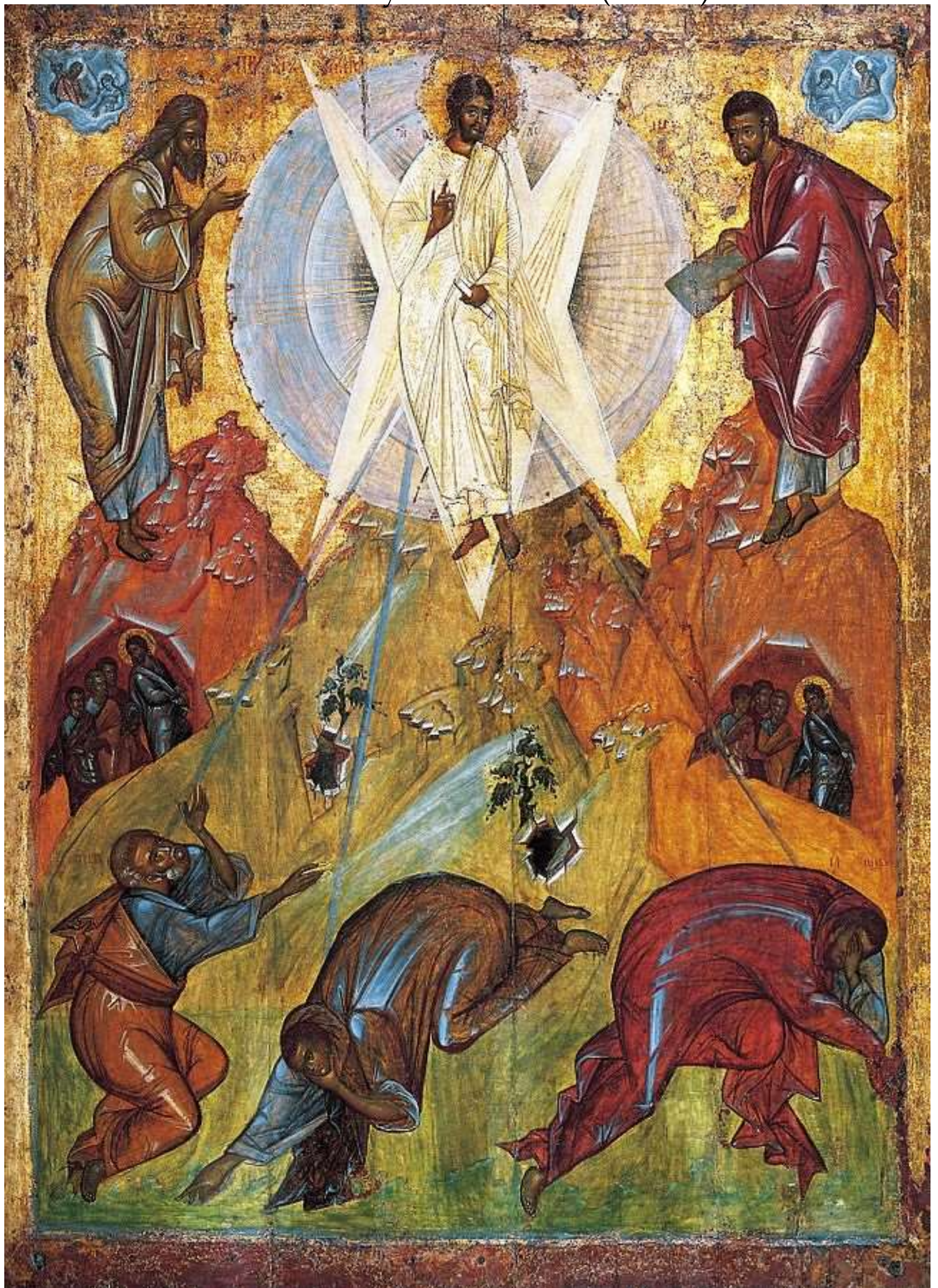


Welcome to the
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15th century painting by Theophanes the Greek

Transfiguration Sunday

Order of Worship

February 11, 2024

❖ *please rise in body or in spirit; unison words are in bold.*

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The glory of God shines
like a consuming fire.

**And yet – we have seen this glory
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

The voice of God thunders
like a mighty storm.

**And yet – out of a cloud, we have heard God speak:
This is my beloved Son; listen to him!**

Let us worship this mighty, and yet near, God.

OPENING PRAYER

❖ **HYMN no. 409** *God Is Here!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living Word, we try to pin you down in temples, in clouds, and on
mountaintops, but you will not be relegated to these lofty places. You will come
down into the valley where life can be scary, and blindness is everywhere.
Forgive us, Lord, for wanting to keep you and ourselves safe. Speak to us again
about the love of God and transform our fears into a singular focus on you.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God will not stay silent. God will speak to us with grace and love, saying: You are
my beloved child. Behold the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are
forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE no. 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.** *Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.*

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit burn brightly in our hearts. Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law, the hope of the prophets, and the heart of the gospel: Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:2-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

ANTHEM *May the Words of My Mouth* Brad Nix

Words by Joseph M. Martin, based on *Psalms* 19:14

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing unto You, O God.

May the works of my hands and the path that I walk be pleasing unto You, O God.

For you are my Redeemer and the Rock of my salvation.

I long to bring you honor in all I say and do.

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing unto You, O God.

May the works of my hands and the path that I walk be pleasing unto You, O God.

May the songs that I sing and the gifts that I bring be pleasing unto You, O God.

May the life that I live and ways that I give be pleasing unto You, O God.

For you are my Creator, my Shepherd, and my Guide.

I long to be Your helper and follow by Your side.

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing unto You, O God.

May the works of my hands and the path that I walk be pleasing unto You, O God.

Amen.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner

❖ **HYMN no. 630** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

❖ **DOXOLOGY no. 609**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF SELF AND SUBSTANCE

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

❖HYMN no. 192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

❖CHARGE and BENEDICTION

May we rest in Jesus and also work by his side, serving a weary world.

May we experience the God of both mountain and valley.

May we so desire closeness to God that we pledge never to leave God's side.

The face of God shines upon us this morning with beauty, blessing, and peace.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Today's liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1* and
Connections Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 1.

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We welcome our Worship Assistant, Jane-Marie Wright this morning. Thank you for your service!
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