

THE GOSPEL IS READ

Mark 9: 2-9

THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROCLAIMING

SERMON

“God’s Love Notes”

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In a world of shadows and clouds, we are invited to proclaim the light of Christ. May light guide our thoughts and help us know how to give of ourselves and our gifts so that we may become lights in a shadowy world.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of light and love, shine through the gifts we bring before you now. Speak through our hearts and actions. Bless our gifts, our offerings, and our very lives, that we may bless others in your presence. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the brightness of God light our way. May the brightness of Christ shine within us. May the brightness of God’s spirit flow through us.

CLOSING HYMN:

“He Is Exalted”

TFWS #2070

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!

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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

May God bless your experience in worship with us today.
We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

February 14, 2021
Transfiguration Sunday
Order of Worship

CENTERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS:

Pastor: In the midst of our darkness, Jesus brings holy light!
People: Pierce our darkness; scatter the shadows of doubt and fear! Bring us your light, O Lord.
Pastor: We seek the light but have long lived in the darkness. Bring your light, O Lord.
People: Help us be ready to receive that light!
Pastor: Come to the shining presence of Jesus. Receive healing and hope.
People: Lord, our lives are ablaze with your love and healing power. Praise be to you, O Christ! Amen.

HYMN "Shine, Jesus, Shine" TFWs #2173

PRAISING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: May this time of worship be a mountaintop experience for you.
People: It is good for us to be bathed in God's transforming glory!
Pastor: Let this hour transform our lives as God reveals Godself to us through God's Son, Jesus Christ.
People: It is good for us to be transformed by God's miraculous Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

We come into your presence, O God, to offer our worship and our adoration for your great transforming presence in this world. We open our hearts and our minds to your Spirit that moves among us to remake us into what you intended at our creation. Help us to be open to your work among us so that we may be your transforming presence in this world. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" No. 717

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess to God and before one another our sins, and especially our unwillingness to change from our sinful selves and be transformed into your image.

GENERAL CONFESSION

Pastor: Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, do not be silent, but speak, that we may hear.
People: Speak justice, that we may correct our lawlessness. Speak righteousness, that we may know your ways. Speak compassion, that we may know your mercy. Speak abundance, that we may serve others. Speak understanding, that we may be peacemakers. Speak glory, that we may know your Son. Speak, and we will listen to you.
Pastor: You promise forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace when we speak our shortcomings.
People: We speak of mistakes we have made. We speak of abandoning your ways. We speak of failures to show compassion and mercy. We speak of our need for forgiveness.
Pastor: Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, hear our prayer and lead us into fullness of life. Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: God will not keep silent but will gather us in the tender words: "You are forgiven."
People: Glory to God!

HEARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts.
People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

FIRST LESSON

Pastor: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

2 Kings 2:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: And also with you.
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark
People: Glory to You, O Lord.