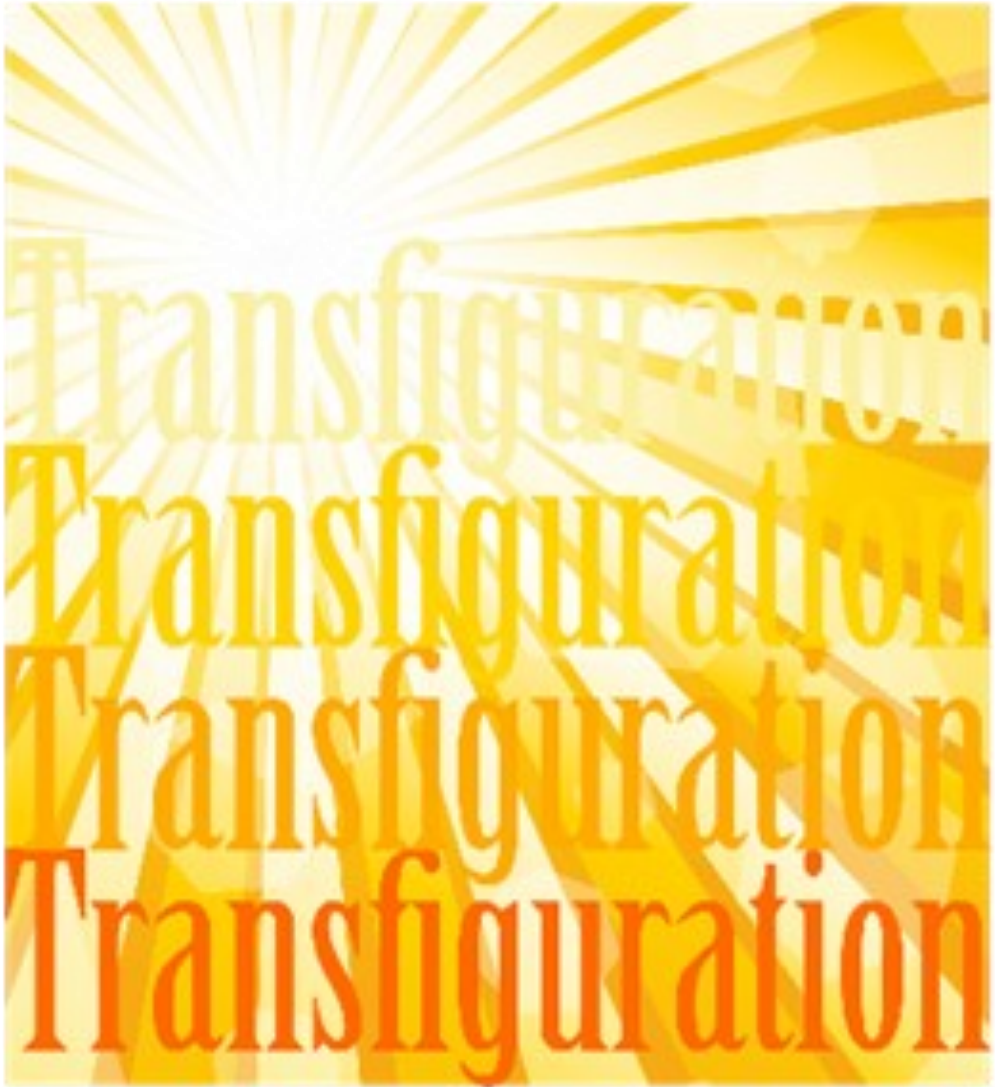


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10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022  
Sermon: "Let the peoples praise the great and awesome Name of the Lord" Psalm 99:1-3  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Henry Witte



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- A Family to Whom You Belong -  
Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022

### **Servants of God's House Today:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Kenny Hsu    **Guest Pastor:** Rev. Henry Witte

**Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill    **DCE:** Grace Wolfram

**Ushers:** Tim Draube Team

**Missionaries:** Charles Cortwright, Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf,  
Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Rev. Paul Flo

**Reader:** Chaney Neff

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**WELCOME!** We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

**AS WE GATHER** On the Mount of Transfiguration, Peter blurted out that it was good the disciples were there so they could build shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Our being close to our Lord, though, is not good so that we might do something for Him; rather, it is good because we know He has done so much for us. Moses, the greatest prophet according to the reading from Deuteronomy, spoke God's Word, but Jesus is the Word, effecting our forgiveness and salvation in His sacrifice for us. His "departure," as Luke puts it in the Gospel, is literally His exodus, not from slavery in Egypt like Moses, but from sin and death through His sacrifice on the cross. Our Lord is the builder of His "house," the Church. Only because we have been forgiven is it good for us to be here, for as the psalm reminds us, "the Lord our God is holy!"

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Heavenly Father, in times past You spoke through Your servants, the prophets, who proclaimed Your Word of promise until Your Son would come to save us. Strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit that we may listen to our Savior, who in these last days has fulfilled all Your promises and by whose death and resurrection the heavenly promised land awaits us, where we shall be with You in eternal joy; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Worship Service**

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

**The Ringing of the Bells**

**The Wave of Fellowship**

### **The Invocation**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Sentences**                      *Hebrews 3:6a; Luke 9:35; Psalm 99:9*

P: Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.

**C: And we are His house.**

P: "This is My Son, My Chosen One;

**C: listen to Him!"**

P: Exalt the LORD our God,  
and worship at His holy mountain;

**C: for the LORD our God is holy!**

**Opening Song**                      **"We Believe"**

**Verse 1**

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation we believe, we believe

**Verse 2**

In this broken generation when all is dark, You help us see  
There is only one salvation we believe, we believe

**Chorus**

We believe in God the Father we believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion we believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection And He's comin' back again, we believe

**Verse 3**

So, let our faith be more than anthems Greater than the songs we sing  
And in our weakness and temptations we believe, we believe

**Chorus**

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**Bridge**

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now, let love invade  
Let the church live loud, our God we'll say  
We believe, we believe  
And the gates of hell will not prevail  
For the power of God, has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail  
We believe, we believe

**Chorus**

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**Outro**

He's comin' back again  
We believe We believe

Words and Music by Travis Ryan, Matthew Hooper and Richie Fike CCLI #11440148 and 20162974

## Apostles' Creed

### First Lesson Deuteronomy 34:1–12 (Moses was the greatest prophet.)

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup>all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.

<sup>4</sup>And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there."

<sup>5</sup>So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day.

<sup>7</sup>Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup>And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

<sup>9</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>10</sup>And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, <sup>12</sup>and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

### Second Lesson

Hebrews 3:1–6

(Moses served in God's house, but Jesus is the Son of God, its builder.)

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than

the house itself. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 9:28–36

(Jesus is transfigured, and the voice tells the disciples to listen to Him.)

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

<sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

<sup>32</sup>Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

<sup>33</sup>And as the men were parting from him,

Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said.

<sup>34</sup>As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

<sup>35</sup>And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup>And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

## **Confession and Absolution**

1 John 1:8–9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)*

P: Almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us for our spiritual blindness, and renew our faith in You alone.**

P: Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, even though He knew His disciples would forsake and deny Him. He went to the cross so that He could offer us all full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Children’s Message**

## The Song of Instruction “Draw Me Close”

Verse

Draw me close to You  
Never let me go  
I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend

You are my desire  
No one else will do  
'Cause nothing else can take Your place  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace

Help me find the way  
Bring me back to You

Chorus

You're all I want  
You're all I've ever needed  
You're all I want  
Help me know You are near

Repeat Verse

Repeat Chorus 2x

Help me know You are near 2x

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The Word Guest Pastor Rev. Henry Witte: “*Let the peoples praise the great and awesome Name of the Lord*” *Psalm 99:1-3*

Missionary Moment: Siouxland Hispanic Ministry, Rev. Paul Flo

### **WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING**

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

**St. Paul's members** have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

**To our guest:** Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

*Psalm 8:1—Lord, our Lord, how majestic s your name in al the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.*

## **Offertory      “I Can Only Imagine”**

I can only imagine what it will be like when I walk by Your side.  
I can only imagine what my eyes will see when Your face is before me.  
I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for You, Jesus, or in awe of You be still?

Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?  
Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?  
I can only imagine,  
I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when that day comes and I find myself standing in the Son.  
I can only imagine when all I will do is forever, forever worship You.  
I can only imagine,  
I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?  
Will I dance for You, Jesus, or in awe of You be still?

Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?  
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## **The Prayer of the Church**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

### **Farewell to Alleluia    *Luke 9:36***

P: Luke writes that after the transfiguration, the three disciples “kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.” Because we know about our Lord’s resurrection, we cannot keep silent, but during the season of Lent, which begins this Wednesday, we shall mute our liturgical praises and refrain from singing our alleluias until our Easter celebration. Let us sing our farewell to that song of gladness now.

[Alleluia banners will be removed from the walls of sanctuary during the singing of the closing hymn.]

## The Going Out Song                      “Jesus”

There is a truth older than the ages.  
There is a promise of things yet to come.  
There is One born for our salvation: Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.  
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.  
There is freedom from the chains that bind us: Jesus, Jesus.  
Who walks on the waters?  
Who speaks to the sea?  
Who stands in the fire beside me?  
He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb.  
He carries my healing in His Hands. Jesus.

There is a name I call in times of trouble.  
There is a song that comforts in the night.  
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages.  
He is Jesus, Jesus.

Who walks on the waters?  
Who speaks to the sea?  
Who stands in the fire beside me?  
He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb.  
He carries my healing in His Hands. Jesus.  
Messiah, my Savior, there is power in Your name.  
You're my Rock and my Redeemer.  
There is power in Your name, in Your name.

You walk on the waters,  
You speak to the sea,  
You stand in the fire beside me.  
You roar like a lion,  
You bled as the Lamb.  
You carried my healing in Your hands.

God, You walk on the water,  
You speak to the sea,  
You stand in the fire beside me.  
You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb.  
You carried my healing in Your hands.  
Jesus, there is no one like You.  
Jesus, there is no one like You.

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## Silent Prayer

## Postlude