



February 15, 2026
Sunday Gathering
Transfiguration Sunday
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-PRELUDE-

"You Raise Me Up" - arr. M. Hayes
Brenda Gardiner

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-ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-

We acknowledge that the place where we are gathered today is the ancient and ancestral homeland of more than twenty Indigenous tribes. We mourn the loss of their lives, livelihoods, homes, and cultures, and acknowledge the legacy of violence against them.

We acknowledge that the space where we worship today was established and built by those whose Black ancestors were also abused and mistreated - some even bought and sold as enslaved people right here in our city.

We acknowledge the women who've faced unfair treatment and misogyny throughout the ages, and we acknowledge those who identify as LGBTQ or other who've been mistreated and misunderstood.

We acknowledge our role and responsibility as professed followers of Christ to stand for and alongside all of these and others who have been and continue to be oppressed.

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Welcome"

LET'S WALK TOGETHER FOR A WHILE
AND ASK WHERE WE BEGIN
TO BUILD A WORLD WHERE LOVE CAN GROW
AND HOPE CAN ENTER IN,
TO BE THE HANDS OF HEALING
AND TO PLANT THE SEEDS OF PEACE,

SINGING WELCOME,
WELCOME TO THIS PLACE.
YOU'RE INVITED
TO COME AND KNOW GOD'S GRACE.
ALL ARE WELCOME,
THE LOVE OF GOD TO SHARE.
'CAUSE ALL OF US ARE WELCOME HERE;
ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE.

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-WELCOME-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-CALL TO WORSHIP-

The mountain top
the shining face
the glowing clothes
the voice of God speaking from the cloud
the commandments etched in stone

SOMETIMES GOD SHOWS UP
IN WAYS WE CANNOT DENY
IN A PLACE WE CAN GO
A LIGHT WE CAN SEE
A VOICE WE CAN HEAR
A STONE WE CAN TOUCH

Sometimes there is the veil
the overshadowing,
terrifying cloud
the questions
the appearing and disappearing
the excitement
the wondering
the silence

Sometimes God shows up
IN WAYS WE CANNOT DENY.

Always, God shows up
SOMEHOW.

So we have shown up here, now
MAY GOD GIVE US EYES TO SEE.

Let us worship God!

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-OPENING PRAYER-

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-GREETING ONE ANOTHER-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Be Thou My Vision"

BE THOU MY VISION, O LORD OF MY HEART;
NAUGHT BE ALL ELSE TO ME, SAVE THAT THOU ART
THOU MY BEST THOUGHT, BY DAY OR BY NIGHT,
WAKING OR SLEEPING, THY PRESENCE MY LIGHT.

BE THOU MY WISDOM, AND THOU MY TRUE WORD;
I EVER WITH THEE AND THOU WITH ME, LORD;
THOU MY REDEEMER, MY LOVE THOU HAST WON,
THOU IN ME DWELLING, AND I WITH THEE ONE.

GREAT GOD OF HEAVEN, MY VICTORY WON,
MAY I REACH HEAVEN'S JOYS, O BRIGHT HEAVEN'S SUN!
HEART OF MY HEART, WHATEVER BEFALL,
STILL BE MY VISION, O LOVER OF ALL.

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-SCRIPTURE-

Matthew 17:1-9 (CEB)

Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."

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-THE MESSAGE-

"Changed"

Pam Lee-Miller

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"God Comes to Us"

GOD COMES TO US ON WINTER NIGHT,
IN BABY'S BREATH, BY FIRELIGHT,
GOD COMES TO US ON A STAR.
GOD COMES TO US AMIDST OUR FEARS,
UNSPOKEN JOYS, UNENDING TEARS,
GOD COMES TO US WHERE WE ARE.

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-SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS-

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-PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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-INVITATION TO COMMUNION-

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-COMMUNION MEDITATION-

"For Everyone Born"

FOR EVERYONE BORN, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, CLEAN WATER AND BREAD,
A SHELTER, A SPACE, A SAFE PLACE FOR GROWING,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, A STAR OVERHEAD.

FOR YOUNG AND FOR OLD, A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
ALL GENDERS AND ROLES A PART OF THE SONG,
WITH WISDOM AND GRACE, DIVIDING THE POWER,
FOR EVERYONE BORN, THE RIGHT TO BELONG.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE:
YES, GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATORS OF JUSTICE,
JUSTICE AND JOY!

FOR EVERYONE BORN,
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,
TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR,
AND SIMPLY TO BE,

TO WORK, TO SPEAK OUT,
TO WITNESS AND WORSHIP,
FOR EVERYONE BORN,
THE RIGHT TO BE FREE.

AND GOD WILL DELIGHT
WHEN WE ARE CREATOR OF JUSTICE
AND JOY, COMPASSION AND PEACE:
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JUSTICE AND JOY!

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-IN GRATITUDE-

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-OFFERING-

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-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

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-INVITATION TO RESPOND-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

"Spirit of Gentleness"

SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS,
BLOW THROUGH THE WILDERNESS CALLING AND FREE;
SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF RESTLESSNESS,
STIR ME FROM PLACIDNESS,
WIND, WIND ON THE SEA.

YOU MOVED ON THE WATERS,
YOU CALLED TO THE DEEP,
THEN YOU COAXED UP THE MOUNTAINS
FROM THE VALLEYS OF SLEEP;
AND OVER THE EONS
YOU CALLED TO EACH THING:
AWAKE FROM YOUR SLUMBERS
AND RISE ON YOUR WINGS.

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BLOW THROUGH THE WILDERNESS CALLING AND FREE;
SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF RESTLESSNESS,
STIR ME FROM PLACIDNESS,
WIND, WIND ON THE SEA.

YOU SWEEPED THROUGH THE DESERT,
YOU STUNG WITH THE SAND,

AND YOU GOADED YOUR PEOPLE
WITH A LAW AND A LAND;
AND WHEN THEY WERE BLINDED
WITH IDOLS AND LIES,
THEN YOU SPOKE THROUGH YOUR PROPHETS
TO OPEN THEIR EYES.

SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS,
BLOW THROUGH THE WILDERNESS CALLING AND FREE;
SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF RESTLESSNESS,
STIR ME FROM PLACIDNESS,
WIND, WIND ON THE SEA.

YOU CALL FROM TOMORROW,
YOU BREAK ANCIENT SCHEMES.
FROM THE BONDAGE OF SORROW
ALL THE CAPTIVES DREAM DREAMS;
OUR WOMEN SEE VISIONS,
OUR MEN CLEAR THEIR EYES.
WITH BOLD NEW DECISIONS,
YOUR PEOPLE ARISE.

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-BLESSING & BENEDICTION-

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-SINGING TOGETHER-

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