

“Let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”

**2 Kings 2:9**

Gather to me my faithful ones.

**Psalm 50:5**

“Light will shine out of darkness.”

**2 Corinthians 4:6**

They saw no one with them any more.

**Mark 9:8**

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**To Our Guests**

We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

**THE FONT OF IDENTITY**

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**+Introit (2x)**

*The light is coming, the light is coming back.  
Darkness may reign for a moment,  
but the light is coming back.*

**Proclamation**

In life and death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

**Call to Inner Work**

**\*+Hymn 451**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

**Prayer for Inner Work**

The work of the world is common as mud.  
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.  
But the thing worth doing well done  
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.  
Greek amphoras for wine or oil,  
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums  
but you know they were made to be used.  
The pitcher cries for water to carry  
and a person for work that is real.

**+Response 467, v. 1-2 (2x)**

*Give us light; give us light; give us light, O Lord.  
Give us life, give us life; give us life, O Lord*

**Declaration of Grace and Gratitude**

**\*Response 666, v. 1-2**

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

**Blessing the World**

Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra,  
Monaco and San Marino

**+Response 842 (2x)**

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust; in God I trust.*

**First Pew/Palms to Ashes**

**+Response 842 (2x)**

*The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust; in God I trust.*

**Welcome and Parish Life**

**THE WORD OF HOPE**

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**Reading**

**Interlude**

**Lesson**

Mark 9:2-4

**Sermon**

“The Inner Work”

**\*Hymn 450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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**Prayer for Others**

**Palms to Ashes**

**Offering Our Gifts**

**Offertory**

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

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**\*Credo**

*With believers in every time and place  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus, our Lord*

**\*+Sending 853**

*We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)  
We are marching, we are marching,  
we are marching in the light of God. (repeat)*

*We are dancing ... praying ... singing ...*

**\*Postlude**

Inner work is the effort by which we gain awareness of the deeper layers of consciousness within us and move toward integration of the whole self.

**Robert A. Johnson**

It is worth remembering that the time of greatest gain in terms of wisdom and inner strength is often that of greatest difficulty.

**Dalai Lama**

The task ahead of you is never greater than the strength within you.

**Kushand Wisdom**

Nothing can dim the light which shines from within.

**Maya Angelou**

**Prayer for Inner Work**

Marge Percy

**Lesson Translation**

New Revised  
Standard Version

**Prayer for Others**

Miller Williams

**Flowers**

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## **Sunday, February 11 • Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday**

2 Kings 2:1–12 Psalm 50:1–6 2 Corinthians 4:3–6 Mark 9:2–9

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

12:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting – Downstairs

## **Monday, February 12**

7:00 p.m. Teach the Preacher via Zoom

## **Tuesday, February 13**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

## **Wednesday, February 14**

10:30 a.m. Exploring Spiritual Practices (ESP) via Zoom

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service of Worship – Sanctuary

## **Saturday, February 17**

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, February 18**

Genesis 9:8–17 Psalm 25:1–10 1 Peter 3:18–22 Mark 1:9–15

8:30 a.m. Early Service Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!  
Sunday Studio - Children K-5th Grade - Classroom 1

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP:** The Introit is by Ann Zimmerman. The late 19th Century Opening Hymn is by the first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems. The Response to the Prayer for Light is a typical *bhajan* from northern India. The Response to the Declaration pairs a 4th Century Latin text with a 15th Century dance-like tune. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is from the Taizé community. The early 20th Century Sermon Hymn is based on an Irish monastic prayer dating the the 10th century or before. The late 20th Century Sending is a Zulu/Xhosa freedom song.

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## **Transfiguration of the Lord**

**February 11, 2024**

11:00 a.m.

### **Facing It**

My black face fades,  
hiding inside the black granite.  
I said I wouldn't ...  
No tears.

I'm stone. I'm flesh.  
My clouded reflection eyes me  
like a bird of prey, the profile of night  
slanted against morning. I turn  
this way—the stone lets me go.  
I turn that way—I'm inside  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
again, depending on the light  
to make a difference.

I go down the 58,022 names,  
half-expecting to find  
my own in letters like smoke.  
I touch the name Andrew Johnson;  
I see the booby trap's white flash.  
Names shimmer on a woman's blouse  
but when she walks away  
the names stay on the wall.  
Brushstrokes flash, a red bird's  
wings cutting across my stare.  
The sky. A plane in the sky.  
A white vet's image floats  
closer to me, then his pale eyes  
look through mine. I'm a window.  
He's lost his right arm  
inside the stone. In the black mirror  
a woman's trying to erase names:  
No, she's brushing a boy's hair

**Yusef Komunyakaa**

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