

them, and a voice says "listen to Him." For all the ideas the disciples had in their minds about Jesus, they are told to simply listen to Jesus. This is not the time to deliberate. It is now time to listen. The next day they are back "down" in the real world and Jesus once again goes about reversing the order of this world. The disciples are no longer tourists watching Jesus go about His business. They are travelers on this journey. Their lives have been refigured. They are no longer spectators. They are participants. Can you think of a time when you were required to travel on unknown roads? How comfortable was that for you? How open are you to have your life refigured through a journey with Christ?

Notes

## Ash Wednesday Service



March 6th • 7:00PM

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Order of Worship  
03 March 2019  
Transfiguration Sunday

## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Worship Reading

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-36  
Sermon: "Transfigured-Refigured"

## We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ  
Song of preparation  
Prayer of Consecration  
The Lord's Prayer  
We Eat and Drink Together  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life  
Gossiping the Good Stuff  
Doxology  
Blessing and Sending

***If you are a guest with us today,***

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### COMING SOON

March 6 Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent)	7:00PM
March 9 New Hope Red Team	9:00AM
March 10 Day Light Savings Time Starts	2:00AM
March 10 Market Street Breakfast Mission	7:25AM
March 12 Team and Board Meetings	6:30PM
March 16 Children's Workers Appreciation and Training	10:00AM

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### Luke 9:28-36

<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 while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and, in those days, told no one any of the things they had seen.

### Question for Everyone:

1) I do not like change. I know it happens, but I want to be given time to consider all the angles before I begin the painful process of change. 10) I look forward to change. If someone suggests something new, I am all in. Sure, there might be some challenges, but I think that's what makes it fun. Where are you on this scale?

### De-figured

Sometimes our perceptions of Jesus' identity become defigured. To this point, as Peter had just confessed in our text for today, Jesus was to be the all-powerful, God-appointed leader of the restoration of Israel. This involved national reconstruction; an over-turning of the current empire to be replaced by an empire of Yahweh's people with Christ as the leader. What are some of our preconceived images of who Jesus is? (healer, sin-crusher, oppression-reliever, moral-champion). Although, the disciples may not fully grasp what happens on the mountain, their image of Jesus becomes defigured. How have previous concepts of Jesus been disfigured in your life? Can you think of a time when a new epiphany of Jesus has "defigured" your understanding of who Jesus is?

### Transfigured

In the Transfiguration story, Luke uses the Greek word "heteron", whereas Matthew and Mark use a different word "metemorphothen", which in English is metamorphosis. Both Greek words mean to change in appearance. What Luke tells us, most likely, from the report of Peter, James, and John is that in this event, we witness the appearance of Jesus change. Did Jesus change or did just his appearance change? This is a question of perception. What the text does not say is that Jesus changed. Rather, it says that the Jesus' appearance changed. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus differently, not that they understood what they were seeing. When is a time that an epiphany has left you speechless? Think about a time when you learned something new about Jesus and his Church, but you didn't or still don't know how to talk about.

### Refigured

Peter wanted to build tents and stay on the mountain. Luke comments that Peter does "not know what he said." Perhaps Peter wanted to stay on the mountain until he figured all this out? Then a thick cloud covers