

## "Jesus' Transfiguration"

DR. TIM BRUSTER

Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a

Traditional Worship

11:00 am

MARCH 3, 2019

# WE GATHER

Prelude — O God, Thou Faithful God  
Johannes Brahms, composer

Welcome  
Rev. Linda McDermott

Choral Call to Worship

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Today we celebrate the light of God that illuminated Jesus; the transfiguration on the mountain.

**People: Transforming light of God, flood the dark shadows of our lives with love, and delight, and hope.**

You, O God, declared at creation, "Let there be light",

**You, O God, gave us Jesus as the light of the world; light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overwhelm it.**

Thanks be to You, O God.

**Thanks be to God who is light and life and love.**

### \*Hymn 73 — O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our Shield and Defender, the **Ancient of Days**, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old; hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

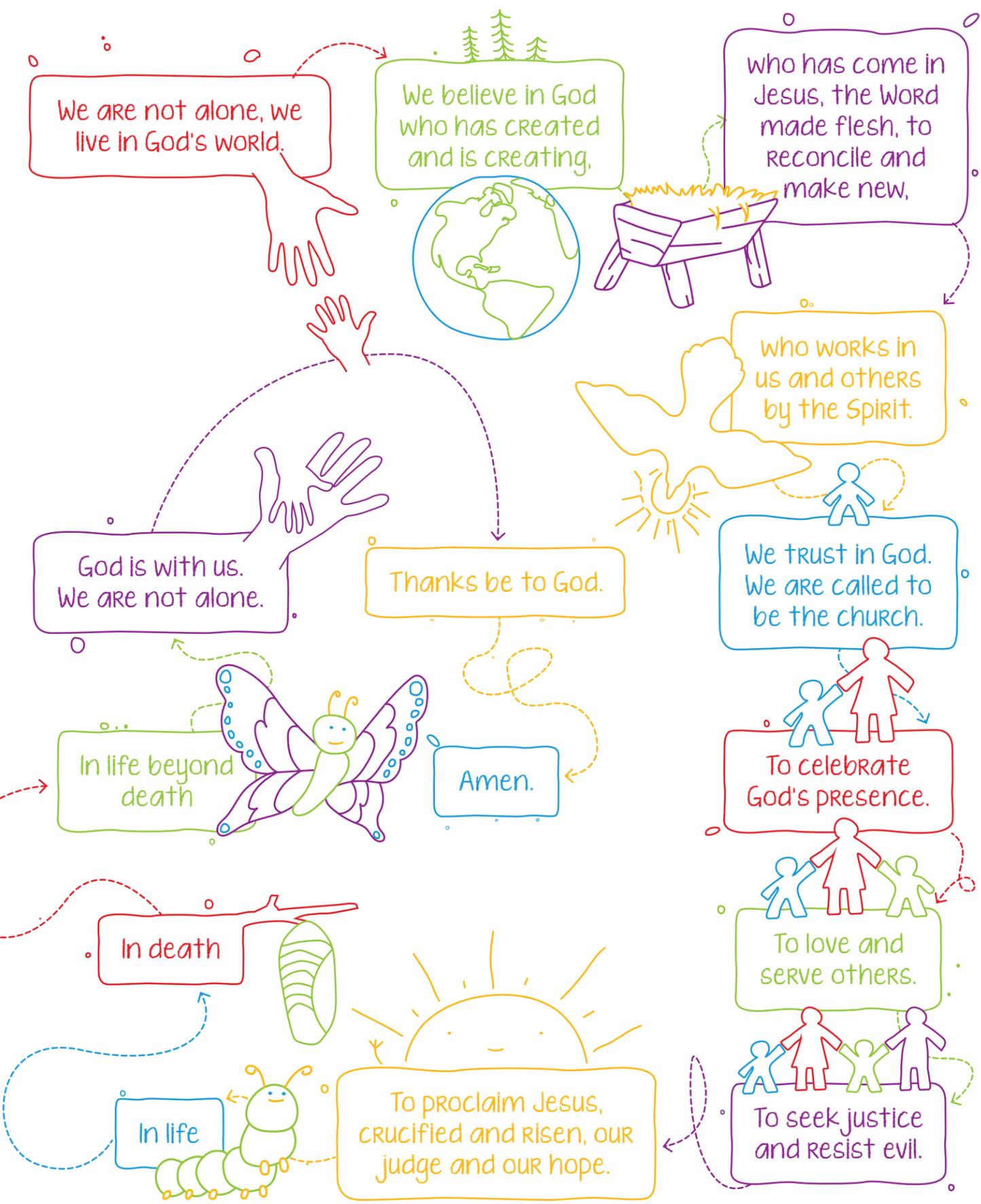
Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Word of the Day:  
Transfiguration

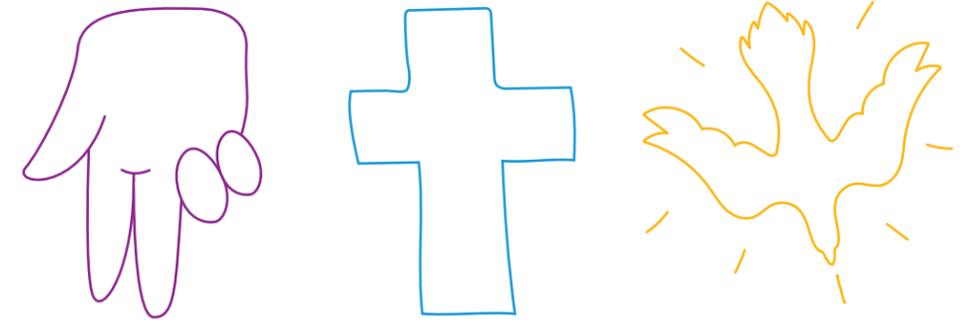
Memory Verse:  
They were overcome with awe.  
— Luke 9:34

"Ancient of Days" is a name for God in the book of Daniel. It celebrates the eternal nature of God and God's love.

# \*Affirmation of Faith



\*Gloria Patri  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

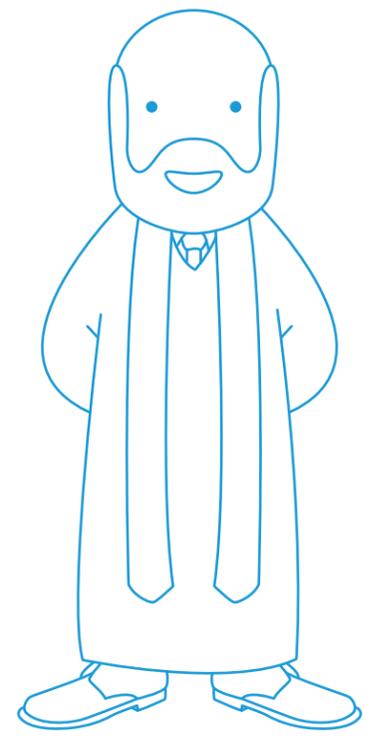
Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

## WE PROCLAIM

Scripture — Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a  
 God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.  
 Thanks be to God.

Faith Like a Child

Meditation — Jesus' Transfiguration  
 DR. TIM BRUSTER



Scripture: Each week we read from the Bible — the book of God's love. Its words can inspire you, comfort you, teach you, and challenge you to be your best self — a true servant of God.

You can listen as the scripture is read, or... Find a Bible nearby, look up the scripture, and follow along.

Sermon Snips:  
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



# Jesus' Transfiguration

Draw a map of the sermon.

Include the sermon path and all the twists and turns.

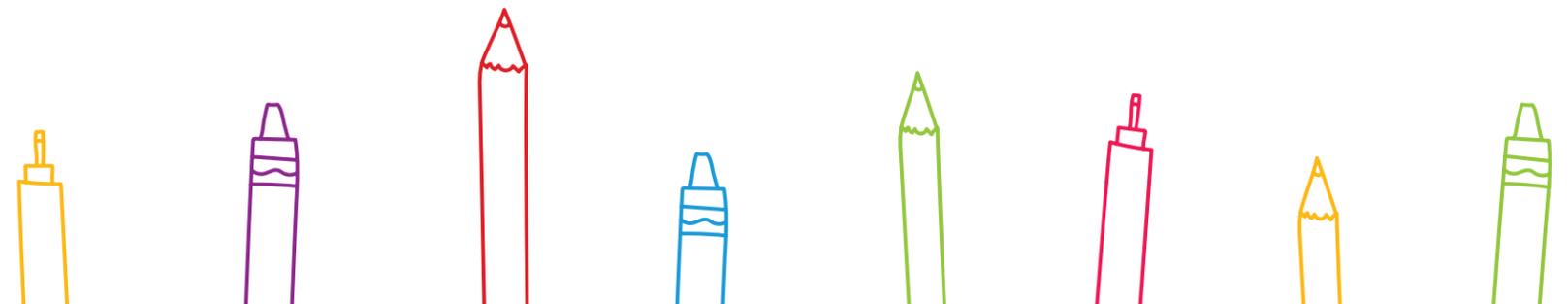
Along the way, draw important images or words you hear.

Look around.  
What is something you see that helps you know God's love is real?

Did you just hear a word or phrase you don't understand? Write it down and ask your parents about it, or look it up when you get home.

Write a "Thank You" Note to God.

Imagine you are the one giving the sermon. What would you tell everyone?



# WE RESPOND

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

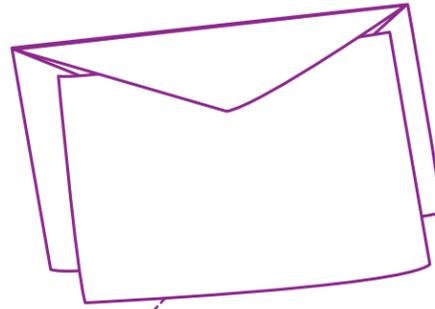
\*Passing the Peace

A Time of Giving

Offertory – Have Thine Own Way

Ron Mallory, ARRANGER

Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the envelope, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the **envelope** in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be  
done on earth as it is in heaven.

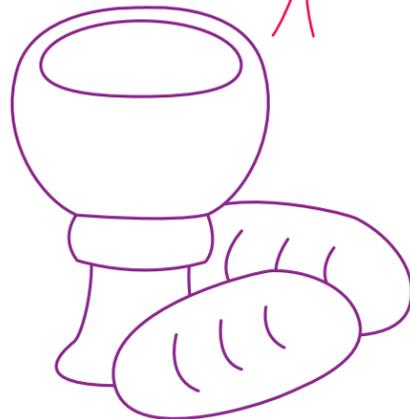
Give us this day OUR daily bread.

And forgive us OUR trespasses,  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship



FOR Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, FOREVER.  
Amen.

Many years  
after Jesus went  
to heaven, the  
early church  
added this part  
of the prayer.  
Hold the prayer  
CROSS close to  
your heart as  
you say this part.

\*Hymn 103 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small, in all life Thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

\*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do?  
**We will go out to be God's people in the world.**  
May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

How are you going  
to be one of God's  
people in the world  
this week?

\*Congregational Closing – Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,  
With every breath I take let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

\*Postlude – God of Grace

Paul Manz, ARRANGER

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given today by Dr. and Mrs. William Wolff in loving memory of their son, Shan Wolff.

The flowers in the Narthex on February 24 were in memory of Floyd Rutledge given by his wife, Linda, and family.

The white carnations symbolize our sympathy to the families and friends of Dick Rightmire and Tom Stade.

Worship Leaders:

Sermon: Dr. Tim Bruster, Senior Pastor

Liturgists: Rev. Linda McDermott, Rev. Chuck Graff

Communion Servers: Dr. Mike Marshall, Rev. Carol Roberts,  
Rev. Zhenya Gurina-Rodriguez

Choir: Choral Union

Mr. Robert Stovall, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Mrs. Peggy Graff, Organist/Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts

Faith Like A Child, Mister Mark, Jackson McCollum, helper

Acolyte: Rose Grim

\*Please stand as you are able.

# WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

## TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

## BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

## ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.  
God loves you, and so do I.  
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

## PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

## PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

## TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

## PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

## CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

## EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

