Westminster Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 14, 2021
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Gathering Words **Janelle and James Collier**

You are with us, God of sunrises.
You awaken us with each bright new day,
overflowing with promise.
You are with us, Inviting God,
calling us to respond to all opportunities
to share the spirit of grace and hope.
You are with us, Glory of God,
gathering us into the presence of your peace,
listening to the deep sighs of our hearts.

Opening Prayer **Janelle and James Collier**

Joyous Face of God,
on the peaks of promise,
we discover your grace,
sparkling with gentle delight
as it comes to rest
within our weary lives.

We confess that we have trouble simply sitting in your presence,
in your healing silence.
Sometimes we become infatuated with your love for us
or take it for granted,
and overlook those who hunger for acceptance and hope.

Forgive us, revealer of mystery.
In silence, may we hear your whispers of grace.
In mercy, may we feel your forgiveness heal and renew us.
In trust, may we go forth to serve your world,
filling it with the light and love of the One
who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

Opening Hymn No. 662 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies RATISBON

Prayer of Illumination **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading Mark 9:2-9 **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

[2]Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, [3]and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. [4]And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. [5]Then

Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” **6**He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. **7**Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” **8**Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

9As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Sermon *Recalibrated* **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Hymn No. 668 Golden Breaks the Dawn LE P’ING
Verses 1, 3

Prayer of the People **Janelle and James Collier**

…We pray in the name of the One who is to come, Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn This Little Light of Mine arr. MARK HAYES

Benediction **Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Note: The Gathering Words and Opening Prayer were adapted from Thom Shuman.