



# The Chatham United Methodist Church

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*<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" <sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.*

Mark 9:2-9 (NIV) The Transfiguration

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Dear Friends,

This month, we cross the threshold from the Season of Epiphany to the Season of Lent. The lectionary text for the last Sunday in Epiphany is always the Transfiguration. I find it interesting that Peter doesn't know what to say because he is so afraid. This is followed by a cloud completely surrounding him and the disciples. They can't see what is in front of them. I imagine their fears increased because of their inability to see clearly.

Do you ever feel like we are surrounded by a cloud that obscures view of our future, our plans, our hopes, our ability to thrive? God's voice spoke to the disciples in the midst of the cloud, in the midst of all the unknowns and fears that they were facing. The voice of God said to them, and to us, "This is my Beloved Son, listen to him."

As we enter the season of Lent, let us intentionally listen to Jesus, and his words of life, challenge, encouragement, wisdom and hope. In the midst of all the unknowns, let us listen with the ears of our hearts.

Thanks in advance for your ongoing and faithful generosity.

With prayer, with love, and with trust,

Jeff