

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 15, 2026

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude "Winter" from *The Four Seasons*, I. *Allegro non molto* Vivaldi

Greeting and Announcements **Opening Sentences**

***Doxology** - all to sing No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Praise**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Though finite human minds cannot fathom God's fullness,

People: God gives us glimpses of God's glory every day in the night sky's depths and in the simplest flower,

Leader: in shared meals, shared stories, and shared struggles.

People: In the face of every person made in God's image, God's beauty glows like sunlight behind clouds.

Leader: We share God's sacred longing to be known, to be truly seen and loved for all we are.

People: But to be fully known, we must risk vulnerability.

Leader: When we dare to share ourselves with one another, when we work to understand a friend or stranger,

People: we come closer to catch a glimpse of God's presence. Let us then now praise God together.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** "[O Worship the King, All Glorious Above](#)"

***Call to Confession**

Leader: Standing in the light of Christ, we see the shadows hidden in our hearts. Let us tell the truth about ourselves, trusting in God's grace, that we might receive mercy and be renewed.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: As children of God, let us hear anew the truth of God's mercy again and again. To the praise of God's glorious grace we shout: Alleluia! This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

***We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

Special Music "Winter" from *The Four Seasons*, II. *Largo* Vivaldi

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

[Exodus 24:12-18](#) (NRSV)

Hymn (seated) "Jesus Loves Me" No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message

(Children grades K-8 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

[Matthew 17:1-9 \(NRSV\)](#)

Sermon

“Suddenly There Appeared”

on the mountain

The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn [“When Morning Gilds the Skies”](#)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude “*Winter*” from *The Four Seasons*, III *Allegro* Vivaldi

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for February 22, 2026

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11