Sunday, February 14, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**Transfiguration Sunday**

*Please stand as you are able*

**HYMN SING**
- 191 Jesus Loves Me
- 242 vs.3 Love Came Down at Christmas
- 408 vs.1 The Gift of Love

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING**

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

Enter into the mystery of God’s presence. Enter into the mystery of the God we know as creator, the God we know as savior, the God we know as the wind that blows between the worlds as well as in our hearts.

Even with this rich knowledge we have not scratched the surface of knowing God. But within our worship we can experience God richly, through the Word, through words, in song, in ritual, and with each other. Here God is revealed and we are more awestruck, more mystified than ever. Welcome. Enter in.

*HYMN 185 When Morning Gilds the Skies*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God of mystery. God of awe-inspiring wonder, reveal yourself to us again, speak to us through the word that is spoken and sung, through the laughter and the tears that we share, through the smiling eyes and hearts that we know. Let your will be done in this worship and our lives. Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*THE WORD* Exodus 34:29-35:2, 2 Corinthians 3:12-14

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two covenant tablets in his hand, Moses didn’t realize that the skin of his face shone brightly because he had been talking with God.

When Aaron and all the Israelites saw the skin of Moses’ face shining brightly, they were afraid to come near him.

But Moses called them closer. So Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and Moses spoke with them.

**After that, all the Israelites came near as well, and Moses commanded them everything that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.**

When Moses finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went into the Lord’s presence to speak with him, Moses would take the veil off until he came out again.

**When Moses came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see that the skin of Moses’ face was shining brightly. So Moses would put the veil on his face again until the next time he went in to speak with the Lord.**

Moses gathered together the whole Israelite community and said to them: These are the things that the Lord has commanded you to do:

**Do your work for six days, but the seventh day should be holy to you, a Sabbath of complete rest for the Lord.**

So, since we have such a hope, we act with great confidence. We aren’t like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the Israelites couldn’t watch the end of what was fading away.

**But their minds were closed. Right up to the present day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. The veil is not removed because it is taken away by Christ.**

**Response to Scripture**

Liturgist: The words of Holy Scripture.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

**LIVING THE WORD**

“Too Bright”

*HYMN 173 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky*

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

Prayers of the People & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**OFFERING**

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*Song of Praise 2195  In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful
In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

*Prayer of Consecration
Let us not be influenced by the powers of the world, Creator who reigns, Christ who redeems, Spirit who guides. As we administer these gifts in your name, let us truly act in your name. May we stand as one with the suffering, the sick, the outcasts. Receive these gifts we offer to you this day. This we pray in your name!  Amen.

*HYMN 2173  Shine, Jesus, Shine

*ANTICIPATING TOMORROW  “Letting Go of Something Bad for Lent”
Matthew 5:29-30, 16:24-26

*BLESSING

*SUNG BENEDICTION ~ You are invited to join hands and sing:
Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

IN MINISTRY TODAY:
Usher: Jim Roth  Choir Director: Shirley Anderson
Liturgist: Bethe Wiberg  Church Secretary: Carol Heinrich
Musician: Robin Frame  Tech: Peggy Stewart
  John Isenhart Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Feb 17  11:00AM  Bible Study
    18  10:30AM  Can We Talk About _______?
    21  10:00AM  Worship: Facebook Online