



## read

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

## consider

In the readings from Exodus and Matthew, God speaks from a cloud. What does that cloud symbolize? What is the significance of God’s voice coming from the cloud?

Are God’s voice (see Matthew) or God’s commands (see Exodus) from/within the cloud any less clear?

Have you heard God’s voice in the clouds? If so, what was that like? If no, what do you think that voice ought to sound like? Why do you think its going to sound like that?

## worship

### OPENING PRAYER

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

**We come to encounter God’s glory revealed.**

We witness the revelation of Christ’s divinity made plain before us.

**We come to witness God’s glory revealed.**

We remember that God’s glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

**We come to remember God’s glory revealed.**

We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God’s glory goes before us and behind us.

**We come to be sent out to share God’s glory revealed. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

*No. 2103, The Faith We Sing (2001)*

### PRAYERS

*No. 895 in The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)*

**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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### READING

### REFLECTION

### “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*No. 103, The United Methodist Hymnal (2001)*

### OFFERING

### DOXOLOGY

*No. 95 in The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)*

**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.**

### “O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair”

*No. 258, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)*

### GO IN PEACE

## news & events

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Wednesday February 18th at 7pm

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

The next gathering will be at The Chateau (466 King St, Franklin) on Wednesday, February 18th at 12 PM. All are welcome. Please notify Nancy Boates by phone or email by 10 am if attending.

### **BOOK CLUB**

The FUMC Book Club is reading *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. The next meeting will be on Monday March 9th at 6:30 pm. The group will meet in a hybrid format at Dawn's house and online (<https://meet.goto.com/richp/churchbookclub>) or by phone (224-501-3412, access code 789-141-869).

### **FOOD PANTRY**

This month we will be collecting personal care items- soap, shampoo/conditioner, toilet paper, etc. All items will be brought over to the Franklin Food Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you!

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Go to [www.franklinumc.org/volunteer](http://www.franklinumc.org/volunteer) to sign up and volunteer for Worship or Community events.

### **Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

February 22, 2026

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