



Sunday Morning Worship

March 3, 2019

10:30 a.m.

8th Sunday after Epiphany

**Our mission: to join God in making connections
with God
with each other
with creation
with our own true selves.**

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and gender identities.



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Music director: Chellan Hoffman

Welcome to Sunday worship at Knox. Grab a coffee and join a conversation before the service, or enjoy some time alone. The prelude will begin about five minutes before worship. At that time, we encourage everyone to take a seat and reflect in silence.

Sunday worship is a spiritual practice in which we gather in community to deepen our experience of God connecting people to God, connecting people to each other, connecting people to their own selves, and connecting people to creation.

Welcome children! The Studio in the NW corner of the sanctuary is staffed and set up so that kids can enjoy activities created especially for them as they engage with the worship service.

How to follow along. An asterisk indicates places in our worship where the congregation is invited to stand in body and/or spirit. VU stands for Voices United (the red hymnal) and MV stands for More Voices (the spiral-bound hymnal).

Today's theme. This is the story of the Transfiguration. In Luke's version, it is clear that Jesus' transfiguration into a shining figure is not about his holiness but about his martyrdom -- his "exodus," literally -- his willingness to give his life. In the midst of this experience, so confusing even to Jesus' closest companions, the message from God is clear: LISTEN TO HIM! As we prepare for Lent, how do we listen to Jesus in our real, 21st Century lives?

Gathering the beloved community

Prelude Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (J.S. Bach)

Processional Hymn We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding (VU 104)

Welcome ~

Passing the Peace ~

Listening for the voice of God

Singing Together* Teach Me, God, to Wonder (VU 299)

Scripture Lesson Luke 9:28-43

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"-- not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. 37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 38 Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. 39 Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. 40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." 41 Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." 42 While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43 And all were astounded at the greatness of God. While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples,

Today's Message +

Listening to Jesus 2000 years on...
Dave Holmes

Responding to God's call

Candle Lighting and Communion +

We light a candle for many purposes: to illuminate darkness, dedicate prayers, solidify intentions, offer blessings, evoke Spirit, or to nourish grateful living. Candle lighting connects us to a stillness within and to a global community contemplating change and transformation in our world.

If you choose, you can also make an offering or fill out a prayer request card. Members of our healing ministry are available for anointing and blessing prayer.

We will also be receiving communion during this time. All are welcome! Come forward down the centre aisle, take a piece of bread (gluten-free is available) and dip it in the cup of juice, and eat right away. After receiving communion, feel free to go to any of the candle tables, present an offering, etc. Then return via the side aisles.

Choir Motet: Ave Verum Corpus (Stephanie Martin)

Prayers of the People ~

During the prayers of the people, we remember our family, friends, our city, and people around the world. We will close our time of prayer by **singing** the Lord's Prayer, found on the laminated sheet in the pew:

Recessional Hymn* As We Gather at Your Table (VU 457)

Blessing* +

Postlude "Little" Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578 (J.S. Bach)

Thank you for worshipping at Knox today.

Coffee and cookies are served in Knox Hall (the gym) after the service. Sanctuary Coffee is also open, as we prepare for PAX at noon, and you are more than welcome to support our social enterprise!