

March 2, 2025

“A World Transformed!?”

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Worship: 10:00 AM

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EPIPHANY

An epiphany is a sudden and striking realization or insight, often leading to a deeper understanding of a situation or problem. In a religious context, it refers to the manifestation of a divine being.

1. GATHERING

Prelude (John)

Call to Worship: #854 (Steve)

Leader: Some of us are exhausted

People: We come to rest.

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

People: We come to learn.

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

People: We come to be fed.

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

People: We come to pray.

Leader: Some of us are broken.

People: We come to be healed.

Leader: We gather around you today, O Christ.

People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

All: Grant us your peace. Amen.

Opening Prayer: #859 (Steve)

God of every place, some of us see you today from mountains of joy and confidence, mountains of gratitude and praise.

Some of us seek you today from valleys of grief or doubt, valleys of loss or exhaustion.

And in all places, there you are with us, nudging us onward.

When we descend from the heights, show us your presence on the ground.

When we rise from the depths, show us the light of your way.

Meet us all on the path made by Jesus.

Congregational Singing (Rachel)
Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

All: Let us offer one another signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

"If we do not transform our pain, we will always transmit it. Always someone else has to suffer because we don't know how to suffer."

— Richard Rohr

2. HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scriptures: 9:28-36

Luke 9:28 ...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 as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke 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 set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying.

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.



Sermon: "A World Transformed!?"

Just as God met Moses and Elijah on the mountain top, God now meets up with Jesus, and his disciples, Peter, John and James. It too was a dramatic scene where God empowered them to return to "level ground" to live out their calling. Like them, we too are called to descend from our encounter with the Holy One and dazzle those around us with the sense of God's love and power.

"I see the world being slowly transformed into a wilderness; I hear the approaching thunder that, one day, will destroy us too. I feel the suffering of millions. And yet, when I look up at the sky, I somehow feel that everything will change for the better, that this cruelty too shall end, that peace and tranquility will return once more." — Anne Frank

3. RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Congregational Singing (Rachel)

Response

Joys and Concerns

Offering & Music (John)

Sending: #1034 (Steve)

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image.

Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression.

Help use, like your servant, (*name of inspiring person*), to work for justice among people and nations,

To the glory of your name. — Amen

"Amidst a time of planetary change and disruption, we envision a recovery of our deep connection to each other and our world, led by Christian and other spiritual movements that are freeing leaders and communities to overcome dehumanizing systems of oppression and cooperate in the transforming work of Love."

— Center for Action and Contemplation