



COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

February 15, 2026 Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Prelude

Noah Davis

Choir Introit

Call to Worship-Responsive:

Liturgist

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All: **we come closer to catch a glimpse of God's presence.
Let us worship God together.**

Opening Prayer:

Word made flesh, Eternal Mystery, on that mountain,
you came out to three of your closest friends:
a fabulous, though temporary,
transition into your authentic truth.

Transfigure our hearts and minds
until we can share this honor.

Pierce through our clouds of unknowing,
the presumptions and failures of imagination
that shroud our capacity to see the real you.

Inspire us to seek to know you better
through relationships with people of all faiths,
all cultures and experiences not our own,
so that we might see, and know, and love you fully
as we are fully known and loved by you. **Amen.**



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* Opening Hymn

"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" 193

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* Call to Confession

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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

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**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.**

* Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

Children of God,
hear the good news:
We are forgiven, again and again,
by this glorious God.

What a wonder! Alleluia!

* Responding to Grace:

"Glory to God" #583 GTG

Congregation

Time With Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

God of shining splendor,
your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder.
Overshadow us with your Spirit
so that we may hear your Word
and live as faithful disciples
and covenant people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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First Scripture Reading:

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain. Stay here. I will give you the stone tablets. They contain the law and commandments I have written to teach the people."

Then Moses and Joshua, his helper, started out. Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, "Wait for us here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you. Anyone who has a problem can go to them."

Moses went up on the mountain. Then the cloud covered it. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. The cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called out to Moses from inside the cloud. The people of Israel saw the glory of the Lord. It looked like a fire burning on top of the mountain. Moses entered the cloud as he went up the mountain. He stayed on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights.

Second Scripture Reading:

Psalm 2

Why do the nations plan evil together?

Why do they make useless plans?

The kings of the earth rise up against the Lord.

The rulers of the earth join together against his anointed king.

"Let us break free from their chains," they say.

"Let us throw off their ropes."

The God who sits on his throne in heaven laughs.

The Lord makes fun of those rulers and their plans.

When he is angry, he warns them.

When his anger blazes out, he terrifies them.

He says to them,

"I have placed my king on my holy mountain of Zion."

I will announce what the Lord has promised.

He said to me, "You are my son.

Today I have become your father.

Ask me, and I will give the nations to you.

All nations on earth will belong to you.

You will break them with an iron scepter.

You will smash them to pieces like clay pots."



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Kings, be wise!

Rulers of the earth, be warned!

Serve the Lord and have respect for him.

Celebrate his rule with trembling.

Obey the son completely, or he will be angry.

Your way of life will lead to your death.

His anger can blaze out at any moment.

Blessed are all those who go to him for safety.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Major Chords for Minors

Epistle Reading:

2 Peter 1:16-21

We told you about the time our Lord Jesus Christ came with power. But we didn't make up clever stories when we told you about it. With our own eyes we saw him in all his majesty. God the Father gave him honor and glory. The voice of the Majestic Glory came to him. It said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him." ([Matthew 17:5](#); [Mark 9:7](#); [Luke 9:35](#)) We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven. We were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the message of the prophets. This message can be trusted completely. You must pay attention to it. The message is like a light shining in a dark place. It will shine until the day Jesus comes. Then the Morning Star will rise in your hearts. Above all, here is what you must understand. No prophecy in Scripture ever came from a prophet's own understanding of things. Prophecy never came simply because a prophet wanted it to. Instead, the Holy Spirit guided the prophets as they spoke. So, although prophets are human, prophecy comes from God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John the brother of James with him. He led them up a high mountain. They were all alone. There in front of them his appearance was changed. His face shone like the sun. His clothes became as white as the light. Just then Moses and Elijah appeared in front of them. Moses and Elijah were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters. One will be for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!"



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When the disciples heard this, they were terrified. They fell with their faces to the ground. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

They came down the mountain. On the way down, Jesus told them what to do. "Don't tell anyone what you have seen," he said. "Wait until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Shining the Glory of God" Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Music Meditation: Noah Davis

* **Sermon Hymn** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" #41 GTG Congregation

Joys & Concerns

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

We praise and thank you, Lord God,
for the majesty of your work,
the wisdom of your word,
and the generosity of your grace.
Let the gifts of our lives bear witness
to your goodness and mercy,
your faithfulness and justice,
and your steadfast love for all. **Amen.**

* **Doxology** Congregation

* **Closing Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" 12 GTG Congregation

* Charge, Benediction Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

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JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -

James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,

light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

UNSER HERRSCHER
 8.7.8.7.7.7

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Some version of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9 / Mark 9:2-9 / Luke 9:28-36) is always read on the last Sunday after the Epiphany. In this text that foretaste of Christ's glorification helps to prepare Peter, James, and John for their roles as proclaimers of "God's beloved Son."



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SERVICE MUSIC

Glory to God *Gloria, gloria*

583

Capo 3: (Bm)

(Em) (A)

(D)

Dm

Gm

C

F

(chords continue)



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*May be sung as a canon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979

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GLORIA (Taizé)

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CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - till in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

TEXT: Robert Grant, 1833, alt.
 MUSIC: Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784, alt.

LYONS
 10.10.11.11

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree;
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

TEXT: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; arr. *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

ST. DENIO
11.11.11.11



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ADORATION

Our God Is an Awesome God 616 Awesome God



Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

This is a contemporary worship song that first gained recognition on Christian radio and later became a popular congregational song. "Awesome" here is not a trivial expression but carries the meaning of "awe-inspiring" and is based on Scripture (e.g. Daniel 9:4).

TEXT: Rich Mullins, 1988, alt.

MUSIC: Rich Mullins, 1988

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AWESOME GOD
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