



Jesus was transfigured before them

MARK 9:2



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Watchword for the Week: For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake. **2 Corinthians 4:5**

Organ Prelude

Mr. Orlando Alonso

***CALL TO WORSHIP & DAILY TEXT Feb 15, 2015—**

Rev. Nigel Powell

*** Introit**

Gospel Choir

***Processional Hymn #327 "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"**

***Liturgy**

Rev. Nigel Powell

Leader: Almighty God, before the passion of your Son, you revealed His glory up on the holy mountain. Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of His countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross. Indeed, O Lord, give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold Him in all His glory.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, at the Holy Mountain we open our eyes and we see Jesus, the months of ministry transfigured to a beam of light, the light of the world, your light. May your light always shine upon us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, we open our eyes and we see Moses and Elijah with Jesus, your word, restoring us, showing us the way, telling a story, your story, his story, our story. May your word always speak to us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, we open our eyes and we see mist, the cloud of your presence, which assures us of all we do not know and that we do not need to fear that. Teach us to trust.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, we open our eyes and we see Peter's constructions, his best plans, our best plans, our missing the point, our missing the way.... For

give us our foolishness and our sin.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, we open our eyes and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out - to ministry, to people. Help us to share his love, your love,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, hear our prayers not just for ourselves, but our prayers for one another at this time: our prayer that they who are lost might be found, that they who are lame might walk and they who are sick may be healed, that they who are enslaved may be set free and they that mourn may be comforted.

SILENT PRAYER

We pray, O God, that you look with favor on our petitions.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O God, at your Holy Mountain we open our ears and we hear your voice saying 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him!' We give you thanks and we pray in his name that we might always do your will and harken to his voice—both on the mountains and in the valleys of life. Amen.

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*** Hymn #237 St. Patrick's Hymn**

Welcome and Announcements

Sis. Danielle Chambers

Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #446

"The Lord Bless and Keep You"

Greeting Hymn #527

"We in One Covenant Are Joined"

***Hymn # 324**

"Jesus' Name, Jesus' Name"

(The Sunday School leaves for classes)

#1st Scripture Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Bro. Wendell Smith

2nd Scripture Reading

2nd Corinthians 4: 3-6

Sis. Sonia Bernard

***Choral Response #846**

"Glory be to you, O Lord"

***THE GOSPEL**

Mark 9:2-9

Bro. Oswald Steele

***Choral Response #846 "Praise, Praise, Praise"**

Worship Selection

Gospel Choir

SERMON

"Believe It or Not"

Rev. Nigel Powell

Hymn #326

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

***Offertory Sentence**

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

(Acts 20:35 NIV)

***Dedication of Tithes and Offering:**

Gracious God, your truth is a lamp shining in the darkness of this world's confusion and a fire burning in the coldness of human need. Let this offering and the dedication of our hearts and minds and souls be used to brighten and to warm our world and to bring you everlasting praise and glory. Amen

Fr. Richard J Fairchild

***Tithes and Offertory Hymn #694 "The Church of Christ, In Every Age"**

Presentation of Tithes/Offerings

***Ascription of Praise #569 v.4 (Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow)**

***Benediction**

Rev. Nigel Powell

***Recessional Hymn #320 "The People Who in Darkness Walked"**

Organ Postlude (Congregation Seated)

Mr. Orlando Alonso

#Means the lesson is read responsively. * Means that the congregation stands.

WELCOME

On behalf of the United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather to worship on this Transfiguration Sunday. May we share and experience the love of Jesus; find healing for our hurts and answers to our prayers. Visitors, we are especially glad that you are here with us. Please join us for a moment of fellowship in the Social Hall after our worship. We invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 15, 2015

- With Lent approaching our regular Bible Study sessions are now on hiatus. We will pick up again on Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30 pm.
- Lenten services begin this week on Ash Wednesday the 18th at 7:00 pm. Services will be held each Wednesday until March 25th. Please check the schedule for your group's participation.
- The February birthdays will be celebrated today right after service.
- The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet this Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- Rev. Powell is inviting all children enrolled in the next confirmation class, along with their parents, to meet with him next Sunday, Feb 22nd, after service. This group includes Elisheba Harvey, Tesean Hamm, Makayla Mack, Devante Nicholas, Matthew Walker, Tyler Malone Drew, Tatum Joseph, Armani

Duvall, Lydia Spencer and Richard Duport-Hardtman. All are to meet in the choir loft.

- Bro. Donovan gives thanks to all who prayed for his son Tralane. He will turn 36 tomorrow and recently received very positive news from his doctors.
- On the morning of Saturday Feb. 28th Tremont Terrace will host their Youth Prayer Breakfast & Seminar. This will be from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please get a flyer from the rack for more information.
- On the same day at 5:00 pm the Youth of United is presenting a Black History Celebration. Come and enjoy the various performances, all for just \$10 per ticket. Tell your friends and family and enjoy the event together.
- We are pleased to announce that Bro. Patrick Smith will be received as a full communicant member on Sunday March 1st.
- Sis. Jannette Abel is recuperating at Dumont Rehabilitation in New Rochelle. They're located at 676 Pelham Rd, and she can be reached at 914-609-6689.
- Grace Moravian Church is having their 35th anniversary prayer breakfast on Saturday, March 7th at 9:00 am. This event is free, but donations are welcomed. Flyers are on the rack.
- On March 15th C.A.R.D will host their annual concert here at United. It will start at 3:30 pm and tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Please come out and support an organization that helps our people.
- Before long the Memorial Day weekend will be upon us. Please see a Busy Bee member if you're planning to head to Boston that weekend, May 23rd-25th. Retrieve a flyer from the rack for additional details.
- The 12th Moravian Women's Conference will be in Maryland June 25th - 28th. See Sis. Iris Joseph or any Moravian Women in Ministry member if you're interested in participating.
- Please be mindful of the payment deadlines for the Antigua & Barbuda Group trip to Orlando, FL from October 4 - 10, 2015. Flyers are available on the rack.
- In honor of President's Day the church building will be closed tomorrow.

**2015 COMING
EVENTS**

Feb. 18 th	Ash Wednesday
Feb. 22 nd	Worship Service –Youth
Feb. 25 th	Lenten Service –Antigua & Barbuda Group
Feb. 28 th	Black History Celebration
March	
Mar. 1 st	Worship Service & Holy Communion
Mar. 4 th	Lenten Service - Moravian Women in Ministry
Mar. 8 th	Worship Service -Pastor
Mar. 11 th	Lenten Service –Men's Fellowship
Mar. 15 th	Worship Service –Youth
Mar. 18 th	Lenten Service –Jamaica Group

**PRAY & GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Sis. Jannette Abel
Sis. Vernice Abel
Sis. Sis. Madiana Baptiste
Alicia Benjamin
Sis. Anna Bishop
Bro. Tralane Donovan
Sis: Ludwina George
Sis: Millicent Hodge
Sis. Eva Joseph
Sis: Minerva Joseph
Sis. Carmelita Keith
Sis. Catherine Knowles
Sis. Rose Lemond
Sis. Bernice McLean
Sis. Hyacinth Pelle
Bro. Berwin Roberts
Sis. Winifred Thomas
Bro. Luvey Williams
Sis. Iris Woodley**

When we are not in the best of health it is always comforting to know prayers and support are available. Remember those who are unable to join us week to week. To add them to our list of infirmed members call the church office at 212-722-2109.

Listening to the Sermon

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God's truth to your heart and life.

SERMON TITLE

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Main points to remember

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Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:

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Honoring or Following?

Recently I read the obituary of the former principal of the elementary school I attended. While we had known him to be kind, fair, and concerned for our education, we were unaware of the true scope of his humanitarian and philanthropic work. Only after his death did we come to see his interactions with us at school in the broader context of a life dedicated to serving others.

Maybe you've had a similar experience while attending a memorial service. How nice it would be to gain this perspective on someone while he or she was still alive.

Something similar but more profound happened to Peter, James, and John atop the Mount of Transfiguration. As Jesus' disciples they knew him as teacher, healer, and friend. But on that day, when Christ appeared in radiant glory with two of the most revered figures of Jewish history, they learned he was also the fulfillment of the law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah), and were reminded he was God's Son.

Peter wanted to memorialize the moment and honor Jesus, Moses, and Elijah by building a series of shrines. Commemorating such powerful, yet fleeting experiences is a very human impulse. Yet we cannot hold on to past or present. Our lives continue; sooner or later we must leave all physical shrines behind us.

Would it not be better to build a dwelling place for Christ in our hearts—simply to allow such sacred moments to inform how we live and interact with others in the future? It's easier to praise Christ than to follow in his footsteps, but that's not what our Lord asked us to do. Jesus said, "Follow me" (Mark 1:17). God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!" (Mark 9:7).

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The Moravian Church

Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 15, 2015

