

## Worship Service on March 3, 2024

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ Brenda Smith

**Monday** ~ The Uplift Support Group will meet at 3 pm at the church.

**Tuesday** ~ There's Prayer Group with a Book Discussion on  
chs. 9-10 from *God Never Gives Up on You* at 7 pm via zoom.

**Wednesday** ~ The Women Who Pray Group will meet at Tatiana's  
house at 1:30 pm to begin a new book,  
*Untangling Your Emotions* ch. 1.  
The Deacons will meet at 4:30 pm via zoom.

**Thursday** ~ Our church will be hosting the Interfaith Council Meeting  
at 11:45 am.  
~ The Prudential Committee will be meeting at 5 pm at church.

**Friday** ~ Choir Practice meets at 7 pm.

**Saturday** ~ There is a special AA meeting from 9 am to 3 pm in the  
fellowship room.

**Looking Ahead** ~ The time will spring ahead next week  
for Daylight Savings Time!

Happy Birthday to Glenna Taxter on Tuesday!



Thank you to Lisa & Jim Holden  
in loving memory of James & Helen Holden

**Word of Preparation** ~ Brenda Smith

**Prelude** ~ The worship team will share a song called *"Holy Forever."*  
We will sing this song together after the sermon.

**Call to Worship** ~ **Mark 8:27-32 (TPT)** read by Brenda Smith.

Please join in on the bold lines.

<sup>27</sup>Then Jesus and his disciples walked  
to the villages near Caesarea Philippi.

On the way, he posed this question to his disciples:

"Who do the people say that I am?"

<sup>28</sup> **They replied, "Some say John the Baptizer,  
others say Elijah the prophet,  
and still others say you must be one of the prophets."**

<sup>29</sup> He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

**Peter spoke up, saying, "You are the Messiah,  
the Son of the Living God!"**

**Song ~ "Fairest Lord Jesus" (#97 in the blue hymnal)**

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature  
O thou of God to earth come down  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing  
Fari is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight  
And all the twinkling, starry hosts  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast*

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## Praying Together ~

Space for prayer requests

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever,  
Amen**

## Choir Song ~ “The Potter and the Clay”

## Song ~ “Transform Us” (#182 in the blue hymnal)

*Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor’s height  
Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light  
Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright  
Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy one  
We surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done  
Line in this world as your Body, chose daughters, chosen sons  
Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine  
Keep us from our great temptation ~ time and truth we quickly bind  
Lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined*

Words ~ Sylvia Dunstan, 1989 Music ~ Traditional French Melody 1991 GIA  
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## Introducing the Sermon ~ Pastor Rebecca

## Scripture Text ~ Mark 9:1-13 (TPT) read by Brenda Smith

- <sup>1</sup> Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth,  
there are some standing here now who won’t experience death  
until they see God’s kingdom realm manifest with power!”
- <sup>2</sup> After six days, Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John,  
and hiked up a high mountain to be alone.  
And Jesus’ appearance was dramatically altered,  
for he was transfigured before their very eyes!
- <sup>3</sup> His clothing sparkled and became glistening white—  
whiter than any bleach in the world could make them.
- <sup>4</sup> Then suddenly, right in front of them, Moses and Elijah appeared,  
and they spoke with Jesus.
- <sup>5</sup> Peter blurted out, “Good Teacher,  
this is so amazing to see the three of you together!  
Why don’t we stay here and set up three shelters:  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah?”
- <sup>6</sup> (For all of the disciples were in total fear,  
and Peter didn’t have a clue what to say.)
- <sup>7</sup> Just then, a radiant cloud began to spread over them,  
enveloping them all.  
And God’s voice suddenly spoke from the cloud, saying,  
“This is my beloved Son, and you need to always listen to him!”
- <sup>8</sup> Then suddenly, as they looked around, they saw only Jesus with them,  
for Moses and Elijah had faded away.
- <sup>9</sup> As they all hiked down the mountain together,  
Jesus ordered them, “Don’t tell anyone of what you just witnessed.  
Wait until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”
- <sup>10</sup> So they kept it to themselves,  
puzzled over what Jesus meant about rising from the dead.

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<sup>11</sup> Then they asked him,  
“Why do the religious scholars insist  
that Elijah must come before the Messiah?”

<sup>12</sup> He answered them, “They’re right.  
Elijah must come first to put everything in order.  
And what about all that is written about the Son of Man?  
It is true that he must endure many sufferings and be rejected.  
<sup>13</sup> So Elijah has already appeared, just as it was prophesied,  
and they did to him whatever they pleased.”

**Sermon~ “A Glimpse of Glory” ~ Rev. Rebecca Sommons**

**Song ~** The worship team will lead us in singing

**“Holy Forever”**

*A thousand generations falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
And the angels cry holy. All creation cries holy  
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever  
If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen  
And the angels cry holy. All creation cries holy  
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever  
Hear Your people sing holy to the King of Kings, holy  
You will always be holy, holy forever  
You will always be holy  
Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
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*All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all  
Jesus, Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all.  
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all  
And the angels cry, holy, All creation cries, holy  
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever  
Hear your people sing holy  
To the King of Kings holy, You will always be, holy  
Holy forever  
You will always be holy, holy forever*

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**Communion ~** Everyone is invited to the Lord’s Table to partake of the  
bread and juice as we remember and give thanks  
for Jesus’ gift of his life for us.



**Benediction ~ based on 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (MSG)**

May we turn to face God as Moses did, that we may recognize that  
God is personally present, a living Spirit, Who makes us free.  
May we draw close to God so that our faces shine  
with the brightness of his face.  
May we be transfigured much like the Messiah,  
our lives becoming brighter and more beautiful  
as God enters our lives and we become like him.