

**Monte Vista Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
**3501 Campus Blvd. NE      Albuquerque, NM 87106**

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**Transfiguration Sunday**

**February 11, 2024**

**10:30am MT**

**Order of Worship**

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude Paulette McClellan  
*Prélude à Nadia Boulanger*  
by Louis Vierne

\*Call to Worship Linda Currin

One: Life can seem shrouded in mystery.

**Many: God lifts the veil of our misunderstanding that we may see Christ's light.**

One: In the midst of our darkness, Jesus brings holy light,

**Many: to pierce the darkness and scatter the shadows of our fears.**

One: Come to the shining presence of Jesus to receive healing and hope.

**Many: God makes us ready to receive that light.**

One: Let us worship our God, who prepared us for service.

**Many: We worship and sing our praises to God.**

\*Opening Prayer Linda

Holy God of all creation. The darkness of winter has been our companion. We have sought the light of your presence with us. As the days are lengthening, we continue to seek the glory of your hope for the world. Shine upon us that we might see you guiding our path of serving you. As we worship you this day, may we have eyes to see Jesus as the One who comes to set people free, to heal, to bring hope and peace. May we have ears to hear Jesus calling us into a world that needs to experience your love. Make us ready to become faithful disciples, rather than remaining dazzled by mountaintop experiences. In your many holy names we pray. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn 284  
*Gather Us In*

First Scripture Reading Linda  
2Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" Elisha said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for

the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” Elisha answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when Elisha could no longer see Elijah, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

One: A word from God for the people of God.   **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Hymn

*Holy Ground*

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(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with the office at [office@montevista.org](mailto:office@montevista.org).)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dawn

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Blessed One, our Father and our Mother. Holy is your name. May your love be embodied in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Protect us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music

*Kum Ba Ya*  
arr. by Ken Neufeld

Vista Voices

Sermon Text

Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Dawn

Six days later [after Jesus was teaching the crowds], Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. There appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them



any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

One: A word from God for the people of God. **Many: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Be Transfigured!"* Rev. Dawn

Special Music *Beautiful Savior* Vista Bells  
arr. by Dan R. Edwards

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table Gerri Warner

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on the [Givelify app](#), or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)

\*Communion Hymn *Transform Us* 182

Words of Institution Rev. Dawn

Prayers for the Elements Gerri

Receiving Communion Together as One Body in Christ

(Everyone is encouraged to take Communion at the same time as signaled.)

Minute for Justice Jennifer Lehman

Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Dawn

\*Closing Hymn *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (v 1)

\*Benediction Rev. Dawn

Postlude *Apparition de l'Eglise éternelle* Paulette  
by Olivier Messiaen

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Worship Leader: Linda Currin

Paulette McClellan, Organist/Pianist

Wally Miller, Sound

Matthew Denman, Livestream

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister, Preaching & Presiding

## 284

## Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/B $\flat$  Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are  
 2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who  
 3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the  
 4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A C G

van-ished a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and yourdaugh-ters,  
 light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/B $\flat$  Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981

GATHER US IN  
Irr.

A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in; our  
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pass-ion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

D/F# G A D A C G

spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D C/D Gm/D D

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Holy Ground

G/A Gmaj7/A D A/E D/F# G  
 We are stand - ing on ho - ly

D/F# Em D G/A G F#m F#m7  
 ground, and I know that there are

B7 B7(b9) E/G# Gm6 Gm Gm(#7)  
 an - gels all a - round; let us

D/F# A7/E D G D/F# Em  
 praise Je - sus now,

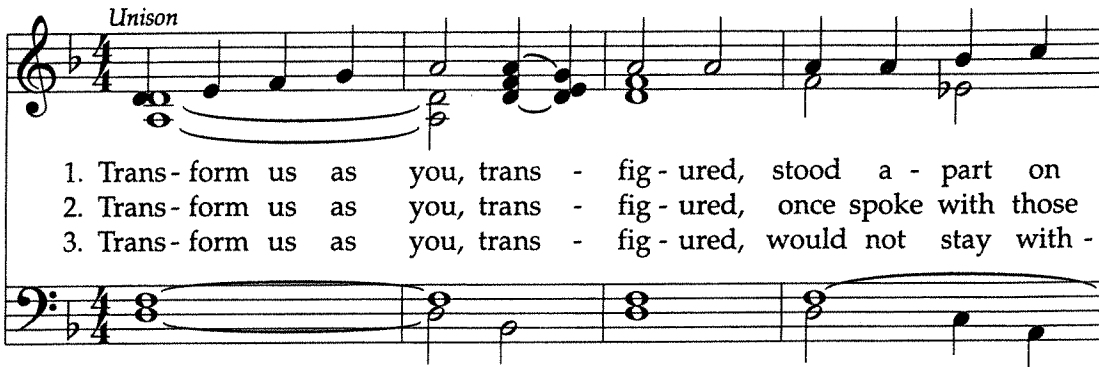
F#m7 G D/F# G  
 we are stand - ing in his

D/A Em7/A D G/D D  
 pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

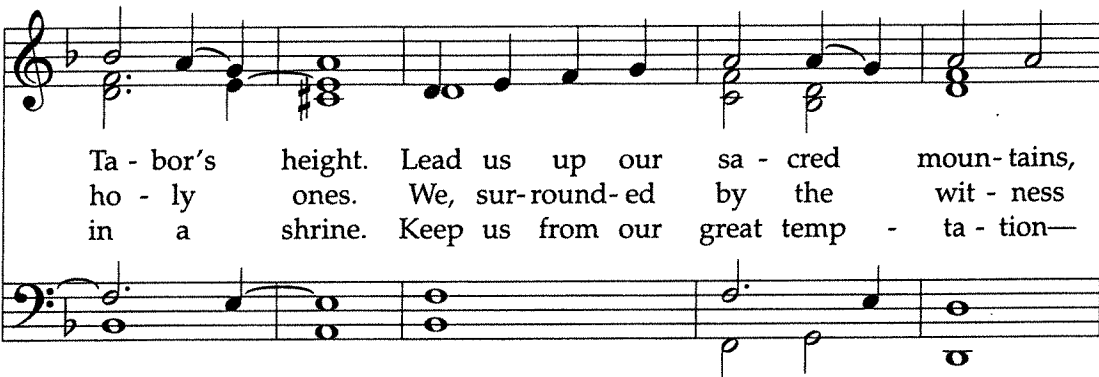
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## Transform Us

*Unison*



1. Trans-form us as you, trans-fig-ured, stood a-part on  
 2. Trans-form us as you, trans-fig-ured, once spoke with those  
 3. Trans-form us as you, trans-fig-ured, would not stay with -



Ta-bor's height. Lead us up our sa-cred moun-tains,  
 ho-ly ones. We, sur-round-ed by the wit-ness  
 in a shrine. Keep us from our great temp-ta-tion—



search us with re-veal-ing light. Lift us from where we have  
 of those saints whose work is done, live in this world as your  
 time and truth we quick-ly bind. Lead us down those dai-ly



fall-en, full of ques-tions, filled with fright.  
 Bod-y, cho-sen daugh-ters, cho-sen sons.  
 path-ways where our love is not con-fined.

WORDS: Sylvia Dunstan, 1989

MUSIC: Traditional French melody (17th century); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,  
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence,  
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;  
 from the sha - dows in - to your ra - di - ance;  
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness;

Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us;  
 by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,  
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.  
 mir - ror'd here may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on me, shine on me.  
 Shine on me, shine on me.  
 Shine on me, shine on me.



A E/G# F#m D A/C# Bm7

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the

D/E E7 D/E E A E/G# F#m D A/C# Bm Bm/A

Fa - ther's glo - ry; blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on

G E7sus E7 A E/G# F#m D A/C# Bm7

fire. Flow, riv - er flow, flood the na - tions with

D/E E7 D/E E A E/G# F#m D A/C# Bm E7 A

grace and mer-cy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.