

# *Living Water Fellowship*

*Transfiguration Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024*

*Worship with Holy Communion*

*COMPASSION CELEBRATION SUNDAY!*

*COME TO JESUS*

**SONGS:** Behold our God  
Holy Spirit you are Welcome Here

**WELCOME & PRAYER:**

*GROW IN HIS GRACE*

**BIBLE READING:** 1 John 2:15-29

<sup>15</sup> Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. <sup>16</sup> For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, & pride in our achievements & possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. <sup>17</sup> And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, the last hour is here. You have heard that the Antichrist is coming, & already many such antichrists have appeared. From this we know that the last hour has come.

<sup>19</sup> These people left our churches, but they never really belonged with us; otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that they did not belong with us.

<sup>20</sup> But you are not like that, for the Holy One has given you his Spirit, & all of you know the truth. <sup>21</sup> So I am writing to you not because you don't know the truth but because you know the difference between truth & lies. <sup>22</sup> And who is a liar? Anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. Anyone who denies the Father & the Son is an antichrist. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who denies the Son doesn't have the Father, either. But anyone who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup> So you must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son & with the Father. <sup>25</sup> In this fellowship we enjoy the eternal life he promised us.

<sup>26</sup> I am writing these things to warn you about those who want to lead you astray. <sup>27</sup> But you have received the Holy Spirit, & he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, & what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.

<sup>28</sup> Now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage & not shrink back from him in shame. <sup>29</sup> Since we know that Christ is righteous, we also know that all who do what is right are God's children.

**SONG:** Glory to our Great Redeemer

**BIBLE READING:** Mark 9:2-8

<sup>2</sup> Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, & John, & led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed, <sup>3</sup> & his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them. <sup>4</sup> Then Elijah & Moses appeared & began talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Peter exclaimed, "Rabbi, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, & one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> He said this because he didn't really know what else to say, for they were all terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, & a voice from the cloud said, "This is my dearly loved Son. Listen to him." <sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, Moses & Elijah were gone, & they saw only Jesus with them.

**THE MESSAGE:** *VIBRANT LIVING: VIBRANT DISCIPLESHIP*  
*Living Water's Partner in Mission - Compassion International*

**OFFERING SONG:** Ancient of Days

**PRAYERS:**

**THE COMMUNION:**

*Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Worship during Communion: I WANT TO KNOW YOU (CITYALIGHT)*

*GO IN HIS POWER*

**THE BLESSING:**

**(Name), † child of God,  
Receive the vibrant life of the Holy Spirit!  
Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SONG:** Grace

*SHOW HIS LOVE*

**Group Bible Study/Discussion:**

1. Read Mark 9:2-8 & 1 John 2:15-29. What do you notice as you read these passages?
2. What stands out most to you about this event? What point do you think Mark wants you to know about Jesus here?
3. What is significant about Moses & Elijah being on the mountain with Jesus? What is crucial to note in their departure in connection with the command "*Listen to him!*"? How well do you feel you listen to Jesus? When are you tempted to ignore Him?
4. In what sense was Jesus changed in the transfiguration? In what sense was He unchanged?
5. What does it mean to love the world? Why is it impossible to love both the Father & the world? What happens in that circumstance? (see Mt 6:24)
6. John lists three features of the sinful world. Why are they such affronts to God? What are some practical ways you combat each of these temptations? How is vs 17 crucial in how you live as Jesus in your daily life?
7. Bible scholar David Guzik writes, "We usually believe that we think much more Biblically than we really do." He means we deceive ourselves about our degree of Biblical obedience. What would John say we should do to avoid that self-deception & grow to be more like Jesus? How would you measure yourself against what John might instruct?
8. What is the central truth of vs 20? How is this intended to be a support to a follower of Jesus? How is that a fulfillment of Jesus' promise to the disciples? (see John 14:15-31)
9. How do you think people would respond if we called someone an "antichrist" today? Why do you think John chose to use a word like this? What does it really mean, according to John? How do you see that played out in today's culture?
10. Why are John's warnings still important today? What has Christ already given you to help you stay close to & faithful to him? How does John want Jesus to find the church when he returns on the last day? How is Christ's return an encouragement to you rather than a threat?

Continue praying through the week:

***Father prepare me for whatever you require today  
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.  
In Jesus' Name...Amen.***