

# Living Water Fellowship

Transfiguration Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

Worship with Holy Communion

## COME TO JESUS

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION    *BE STILL (AND KNOW) [THE FRAY]*

**SONG:**                    Shout to the North

**WELCOME & PRAYER:**

## GROW IN HIS GRACE

**BIBLE READING:**    Luke 9:28-36

<sup>28</sup> About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, & James up on a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, & his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly, two men, Moses & Elijah, appeared & began talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They were glorious to see. They were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

<sup>32</sup> Peter & the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory & the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As Moses & Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, 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>34</sup> But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, & terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.

<sup>35</sup> Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." <sup>36</sup> When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone. They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

**CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**SONG:**                    Be Thou My Vision

**BIBLE READING:**    Matthew 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavour? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. <sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

**FAITH CHAT:**

1. Share one place where you experienced God's presence this week.
2. Name 1 "fork-in-the-road" moment from your life.

**THE MESSAGE:** *ANSWERING THE "WHY?": SHOW HIS LOVE***OFFERING SONG:** Jesus What a Beautiful Name**PRAYERS:****THE COMMUNION:***The 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:**VIDEO – ONLY JESUS FOR MY PAIN (Cory Asbury/Franni Rae)**GO IN HIS POWER***THE BLESSING:****(Name), † child of God,**

**God has called you to shine before the world with the light of Christ!  
Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:****SONG:** Cornerstone*SHOW HIS LOVE**All songs & music in worship used under the licensing agreement of CCL Licence 384660***Group Bible Study/Discussion:**

1. Read Luke 9:28-36 & Matthew 5:13-16. What questions immediately come to mind? What strikes you as you read these texts?
2. Why is it significant that Jesus' descriptions of his disciples are just that, "DEscriptions" more so than "PREscriptions"? What's the difference? Why does that matter?
3. As you read through today's reading, why do you think Jesus gave these instructions to His followers—why are they important? In what ways is it a responsibility & a privilege to represent Jesus?
4. Cyprian, early Bishop of Carthage, said, "We do not preach great things – we live them." Discuss what you think he meant & how that applies to the not-yet-Christians you know.
5. What happens in the world & in the church when Christians live according to the beliefs, attitudes & values of the world & not those of Christ's Kingdom? What is Jesus' answer to such "unsalty" salt?
6. What, according to Jesus, is the purpose of our intentionally doing good deeds? What sort of impact are followers of Jesus meant to have in the world?
7. In Jewish history, Moses is the great lawgiver & Elijah the great prophet.
  - i. Moses, Elijah and Jesus are speaking about the *exodus* that Jesus was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. Imagine their conversation. What would they have been talking about?
  - ii. What does it mean for them to leave the mountain with Jesus there alone while the "voice from heaven" says "Listen to Him?" What does it mean for you 'to see no-one else but Jesus'? How well are you doing with keeping that focus?
8. Read 1 John 1:1-4 & 2 Peter 1:16-19. How do you think this event on the mountain shaped the lives & witness of Jesus' closest friends? How does your daily experience of Jesus shape your life & witness? Would you be prepared to be as bold in your faith as Peter & John? Why or why not?
9. When you think about your own life's end, what images come to mind? What would you like to say to the people you love about your life before it's over? Can you do that now?
10. What does Jesus, through this text, call you to do?

**Remember:**

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.  
You are a city on a hill. Shine as Christ radiates in you!

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.***