



# The Church of The Transfiguration

Rooted in Christ ~ Bound in Love ~ Called to Ministry

August 23, 2026

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:15 AM Prelude  
"Pastorale"

D. Wolfe

## The Word of God

10:15 AM Processional Hymn  
"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"  
# 403; *Glory to God Hymnal*

\* Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

\* 8:00 AM Song of Praise "Venite" (*All say*)

***Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

***For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.***

***Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

\* 10:15 AM Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God”

# S-280; *Hymnal 1982*

\* Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

***People And also with you.***

*Presider* Let us pray. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

*Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.*

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;

joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 138

*Let us pray today's psalm responsively by half verse.*

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
***before the gods I will sing your praise.***
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*  
***because of your love and faithfulness;***
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \* ***and your word above all things.***
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
***you increased my strength within me.***
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
***when they have heard the words of your mouth.***
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*  
***that great is the glory of the Lord.***

- 7     Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
      ***he perceives the haughty from afar.***
- 8     Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
      ***you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
      your right hand shall save me.***
- 9     The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \* ***O Lord, your love  
      endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.***

The Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

*Reader: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

\* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

“Comfort Ye My People”

# 67, vs.1-2; *Hymnal 1982*

\* The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

***All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

\* 10:15 AM Sequence Hymn

"Comfort Ye My People"

# 67, vs. 3; *Hymnal 1982*

Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Bornt

\* The Nicene Creed

*Presider* Please stand as you are able, and let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,***

***maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,***

***eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,***

***true God from true God, begotten, not made,***

***of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:***

***by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate***

***from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven***

***and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.***

***With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.***

***We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.***

***We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

#### **\* The Prayers of the People: Form IV**

***Leader:*** Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy; ***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

## Closing Collect

*by the Presider*

Prayer for Those Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Special Thanksgivings:

***Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## Confession of Sin

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider and People*

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.***

***We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*The Presider prays*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## \* The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be with you always

***People And also with you.***

## Announcements

# The Holy Communion

10:15 AM Offertory Hymn

"I Come with Joy"

# 304; Hymnal 1982

\* 8:00 AM Doxology (*Spoken*) & \* 10:15 AM Presentation of our Gifts

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,***

***Praise him all creatures here below.***

***Praise him above ye heavenly host,***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

10:15am # 380, v.3;

*Hymnal 1982*

\* The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer 2*

*Enriching Our Worship 1*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

***People: And also with you.***

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

***People: We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*The Presider proceeds*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

\* 8:00 AM Sanctus (*All say*) & 10:15 AM Sanctus

*S-130; Hymnal 1982*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (10:15am sung 2x)  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

*Then the Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, your holy child.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you, this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

### 10:15 AM Fraction Anthem

"Christ our Passover"

S-154; Hymnal 1982

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

***Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.***

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

### The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### 10:15 AM Communion Hymn

"Rock of Ages"

# 685; Hymnal 1982

### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### The Blessing (*All stand as able*)

### \* 10:15 AM Recessional Hymn

"The Church is One Foundation"

# 525; Hymnal 1982

\* Dismissal

*Priest* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

*People* ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

10:15 AM Postlude

"Trumpet Tune"

D. Wolfe

*Adult Study Class meets in Memorial Hall today at 9:00 AM.*

*Please join us in Memorial Hall following the  
10:15 AM service for fellowship.*

**Today's Ministers**

Presider: The Rev. Lisa Bornt

Co-Presider: The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz

**8:00 AM**

Lector Brad Staup  
LEM Tony Traini

**10:15 AM**

Lector Scott Myers  
LEM Hamp Tisdale

Tellers: Vince Parmesano and Hamp Tisdale

**Next Sunday**

**8:00 AM**

Lector Brad Staup  
LEM Tony Traini

**10:15 AM**

Lector Linda Myers  
LEM Barbara Collins

Tellers: Scott Myers and Bernadette Roche

**Parish Prayer Lists**

**Diocese of Maryland**

All Saints', Baltimore; St. Paul's Baltimore; Roger Tilden; Ann H. Copp;  
W. Earl Mullins; Sandra Kay Rice

**August Prayers for Body, Mind & Spirit**

John Rolph, Toni Beaird-Wilson, Mary Belcher, Dorothy Beaird,  
Stuart Delchamps, Ian Tisdale, Linda Galloway, Pearl O'Hara,  
James Belcher, Jr., Richard & Andi Galliher

**Weekly Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Jim & Judy Hubbard, The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz, Jasmine Malcolm

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Katie Groth, Marusia Zearfoss, Jaime Staup, Cindy Staup

### **Prayers for Returning Health and Healing**

Linda Myers, The Rev. Ellen Hurwitz, Mary Belcher, Andy Davis, Judy Willson, Erica Wood, Linda Turbyville, James Belcher, Jr., Eileen Ward, Pearl O'Hara, Celeste Wood, Michael Staley, Sydney Heimbrock, Marusia Zearfoss, Rachel Payant, Steven Ronquillo, Joe Ferraro John Killian, Roberto & Dory and their two sons, Jim Hubbard, Laura Adack, Carmen Calderon, Don Smith, Karl Kaefer, Ronnie and John Pawson, Carole Garvar, Eugene Roberts, Jackie Galliher, Bridget Hubbard, Todd Evans, Marilyn Roche, Marcia Shingleton

## **UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Middletown Valley Food Bank**

Middletown Valley Food Bank (MVFB) has particular needs for toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toiletries, and any / all food stuffs. Our Outreach Team has extended a challenge to donate 60 *food & toiletry items* each month in 2026. Through the first three weeks of August, we gave 90 items, 46 rolls of toilet paper and 12 rolls of paper towels! We have exceeded our goal every month this year – let's keep it going! Thank you for offering these gifts of care for our community.

### **Adult Education Group**

This informal group is held at 9:00 AM in the Memorial Hall. It is open to everyone and all are welcome. Come and share a donut and coffee as we discuss books about our faith. The book being discussed next is *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

### **Canon Kate Riley Visits**

On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Canon Kate Riley, our Canon for Youth & Young Adults, as part of our mission conversation series.

### **Women's Coffee Klatch**

There will be no Coffee Klatch in August, and the next Klatch will be on Sat. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM in Memorial Hall.