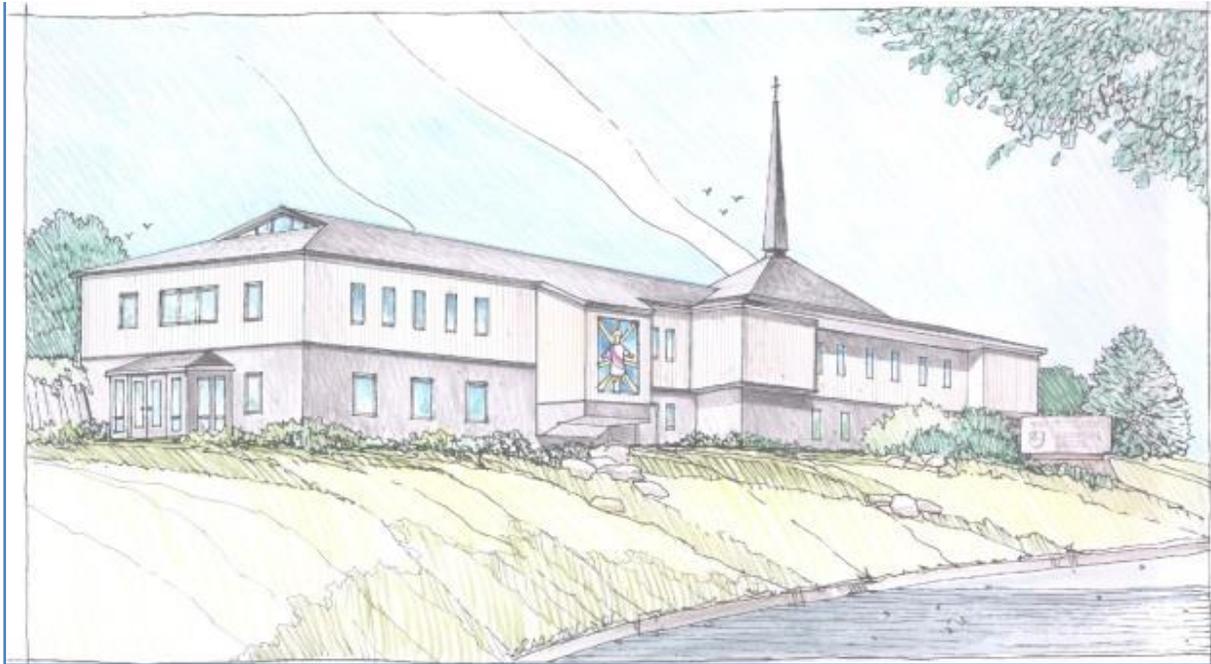


# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020



THE MISSION OF CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION  
IS TO BE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY;  
ACCEPTING AND INVITING ALL PERSONS TO SHARE IN WORSHIP,  
WITNESS AND SERVICE; AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST  
IN THE WORLD.



## The Collect of the Day

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*The people may be seated.*

## A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 119:33-40

*Legem pone*

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33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.  
39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.  
40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans**

13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand.*

**Gospel Hymn**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Hymn # 376

Text: Henry van Dyke

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

18:15-20

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*After the Gospel the Celebrant says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

Rev. Lu-Anne Conner

**The Nicene Creed**

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*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 for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A**

*Leader:* As the Church, the Body of Christ in this time and place, let us offer our prayers, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

That we may love the Lord with our whole heart, and soul, and mind, and our neighbor as our selves, claiming the great commandment as our pathway and destination; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That our love may be revealed through our actions, as we commit ourselves to visiting those who are in prison, or confined to their homes, or living in nursing facilities, that in seeing their face we will see the face of Jesus; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

That peace may flourish wherever there is strife or enmity between peoples, bringing opportunities for improved nutrition, health, and education, revealing God's mantle of light; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the power of the Holy Spirit in guiding us in our discovery of our vocation, our manner of expressing God's indwelling love, so that we may be passionate about our work and ministry; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the grace to turn away from anything that places a barrier between God's love and our actions, so that in turning back to Jesus we may receive mercy for the past and strength for the future; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For blessings upon those who have died, that their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God may rest in peace; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who suffer from COVID-19, for their families and friends, and those who care for them. May suffering be relieved and health restored; and may we have the courage to curtail our usual daily activities so that lives might continue to be saved; let us pray.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received, we continue our prayers.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and ministry of people and ministry of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Creve Coeur, we pray for Camie, their Associate Rector, and Sue and Nathaniel, their Priest Associates; we pray for Deon, our bishop; in our companion Diocese of Lui in South Sudan we pray for Wiroh Parish, and Matayo, their priest.

We pray for those on our prayer list: ***Karen, Judy, Joey, Sally, Jack, Don, Carl, Annette, Ed, Verla, Richard, Charley, Matthew, Joan, Audra, Dan, Nicole, Toni, Jim, Kathy, John, Terry, the Brinker family, Laura, Meghan, Mike, Mack, Andrew, MaryBeth, Robyn, Bob, and Dan.*** We give thanks for birthdays: Margaret Chopra, Tammy Schuster, Mark Taliaferro, Richard Wright, Nora Reynolds, and Kristin Darden; and anniversaries: Rich & Kerry Quinlisk.

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*The Officiant says a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant 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 Celebrant says*

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

### **The Peace**

*Officiant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         *And also with you.*

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **The Offertory**

*The Officiant says an offertory sentence.*

#### **Offertory Hymn**

*Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive*

Hymn # 674

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots

Music: Anon. from *Kentucky Harmony* 1820

*Celebrant*     All things come of thee, O Lord  
*People*         *And of thine own have we given thee.*

#### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*Celebrant:*     The Lord be with you.

*People:*       ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant:*   Lift up your hearts.  
*People:*       ***We lift them to the Lord.***  
*Celebrant:*   Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:*       ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

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

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*Celebrant and People*

***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**

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*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.  
Then the following is said*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* ***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

**Music for Contemplation**

Thomas Lee

## **The Blessing**

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## **Postlude**

*Allegro Alla Marcia*  
from Symphony No. 9, Movement IV

Ludwig van Beethoven

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