



# Transfiguration of Our Lord

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## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

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We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

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## Prelude

# We Gather Together

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Beyond our busyness,  
Above the cold winter floor there is a glory rising born of heaven  
and reaching out to each one of us;

**a light that shines through the clouds  
an invitation seeking all of who we are that transfigures the world;**

that transforms darkness into hope  
that brings life from a cross where old life ends and new life is born;

**In glory Jesus meets us here  
raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain  
carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.**

Let us worship from the mountain and hear again  
"This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

## Opening Hymn

## *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*



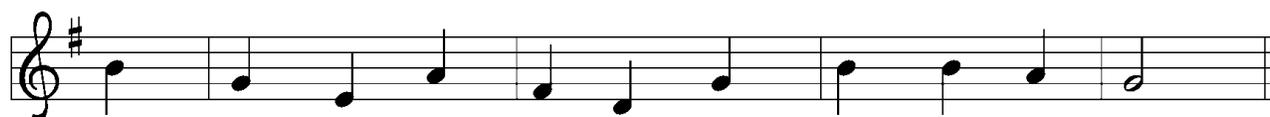
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## Greeting

The grace of our Redeemer Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



# Kyrie

Leader  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.



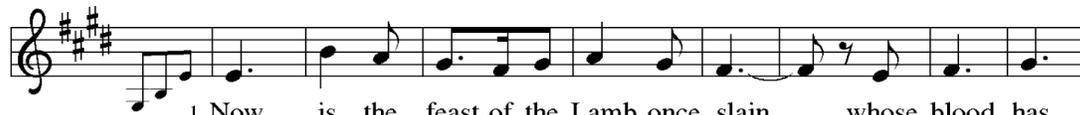
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## Prayer of the Day

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

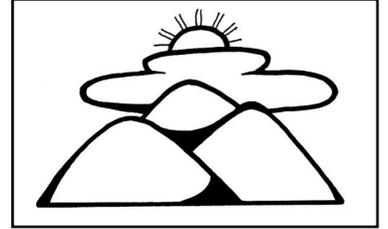
Amen

# We Hear God's Word

## First Reading

**Exodus 34:29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.



P: Hear the Word of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

**2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

P: Hear the Word of God.

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## Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

## The Holy Gospel according to Luke the ninth chapter.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

P: This is the Gospel of the Jesus Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Sermon



## Hymn of the Day

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



- 1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
- 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
- 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
- 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
- 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

## Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## Prayers of the People

God of mercy,  
hear our prayer.

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you



# WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

## Offering

## Offering Hymn

## As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



*Refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of all creation,

**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our brother, our teacher, and our Redeemer. Amen**



# Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



It is right to give our thanks and praise ...

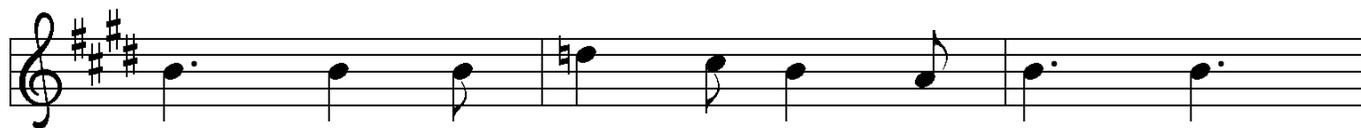
## *Holy, Holy, Holy*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



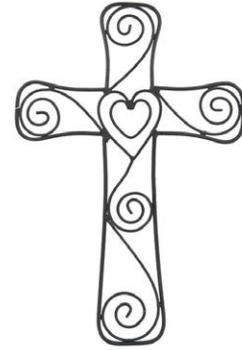
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

# Eucharistic Prayer

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.

# The Lord's Prayer

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,  
 forever and ever. Amen.



# Invitation to Communion

Speak to us, O God, in the breaking of the bread and make us one with you.

*Congregation:* *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,                      you take a - way the sin of the  
 \* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:  
 fear:                      have mer - cy on us,                      mer - cy on us,  
 peace:  
 love:

*Final time Cong. or assistant:*

mer - cy on us.                      Lamb of God,                      you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sins of the world:                      grant us peace,

grant us peace,                      grant us peace.

# Communion Distribution

All are welcome to come to the feast.

## Communion Hymn

## Alleluia, Song of Gladness



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - ges - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

## Prayer After Communion

**We thank you, Dearest God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to building one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our brother, our teacher and our Redeemer. Amen**



# We Are Sent in Jesus' Love

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

*O Christ, Our Hope*



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**Thanks be to God.**



Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For our LGBTQAI siblings	Peace and healing for all LGBTQAI people following the United Methodist Church ruling banning LGBTQAI clergy and marriage for all people who love another. May all people, especially the LGBTQAI community, know they are beloved and created in God's image.	Pastor Core
Those affected by political and racial discord.	Prayers of peace.	Staff
Jan Kimble	Prayers for healing and effective treatment for breast cancer.	Tammy Gover
Richard VanDyke	Prayers for healing and peace.	Jim VanDyke
Pepe Rochon	Prayers for healing and comfort.	Faith St. John
Barbara Horne	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Tammy Gover
Steve Stoner	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Staff
Joann Noll	Traveling mercies as Joann journeys to Honduras on a humanitarian mission.	Staff
Becky Edman and her family	Prayers for peace and comfort. Becky is JulieAnn and Marlo Edman's niece. She is in the late stages of cancer.	JulieAnn and Marlo Edman
<b>Our prayers continue for many among us:</b> for Bertha Anderson, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Lori Fields.		



Stewardship of Service	Today- Mar 3	Next Week - Mar 10
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Pastor:	Pr. Terry Moe	Pr. Terry Moe
Music Director:	LeAnn Michaels	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:	Shirley Kolpin	The Burdicks
Reader:	Meghan Cyr	Jarred Burdick
Communion:	Meghan Cyr and Clare Alvey	Brady and Stephanie Burdick
Preparation of the Altar:		

# Bethel News



## Coming Up:

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- March 4** | Food Ministry Team Meeting, 6 pm
- March 6** | Ash Wednesday Service, 7 pm
- March 9** | Hygiene Program, 9 -12 pm
- March 9** | Joint Congregation Council & BDT Meeting, Menucha Conference Center
- March 17** | Council Meeting
- March 23** | Hygiene Program, 9 -12 pm
- March 24** | Congregation Gathering, following worship

## Other News

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### **Congregational Gathering Recap** | From February 24

Based on the feedback we received at the Annual Meeting, we are holding a series of gatherings and conversations with the congregation about issues that surfaced. Our first meeting was last Sunday. A brief recap of what we heard:

Many thanks to Scott Burris and Tana Bishop who are coordinating the parsonage remodel. We are moving forward – the oil tank will be decommissioned (there was no detected soil decontamination); the old furnace will be coming out to make way for a new and efficient gas furnace. Contracts will be signed and we expect word from the Mission Investment Fund about our loan application.

We are forming a fund raising team to help with the costs of the parsonage remodel. We will be encouraging widespread participation from all of our members and supporters. The congregation approved a minimum fundraising goal of \$30,000. We know appliances, the cost of the oil tank decommissioning and excess contract costs will make our fundraising effort all the more important! Tana Bishop, Scott Burris, Naso Michaels and Lisa Siems, along with Pastor Core will be heading up this team.

The Food Ministry Team is up and running; active in putting in place procedures and processes that will address the numbers of people we are feeding every week. The Team is working with the Property Team to address ingress and egress issues. Holy Redeemer Catholic Church is partnering with us to defray the costs.

JulieAnn Edman is passionate about finding ways to encourage the spiritual formation of the congregation. While we are starting with a group for women, we know there are needs for all of the people of the congregation.

## Next steps:

- **March 24** | Congregational Gathering  
Topic: A look back at the call processes in 2018, clarification about the differences between a term call (P Moe is on a term call) and a “standard” pastoral call (Pastor Core’s call is “standard”). A look ahead at pastoral staffing after P Moe’s term call ends June 30, 2019.
- **May TBD** | Congregational Gathering
- **June 9** | Congregation Spiritual Retreat

## A Note from Timmy Straw, *(editor’s note: the card arrived on 2/23)*

*Dear Bethel*

Writing to you from the seventh floor of our old apartment building – from our kitchen window, snow on the roofs, the tops of passing trains, poplars and occasional crows of the enormous, vain grey jacketed Moscow variety.

The buildings here have been returned to their pre-Soviet hues (at least in the center of Moscow where the money is) – pinks, roses, robin’s egg blue, a dainty yellow. Under the clouds and snow, they look enchanting, like candies that have lost their sweet.

I miss you all very much, all the more over the Advent Season, and think about Bethel often. I hope this postcard arrives in time for a Christmas hello, but tardy will do.

*All my love, Timmy*

## A Letter from Bishop David Brauer Rieke On the United Methodist Church

Surely God is weeping over the vote of the United Methodist Church to double down on the ban against LGBTQ clergy and same-sex marriage. Read Oregon Synod Bishop David Brauer-Rieke’s statement and prayer on this disheartening news online:

<http://oregonsynod.org/index.php/enews/>

## Love is love is love

Try as they might  
Love is stronger than any rule  
that seeks to limit it

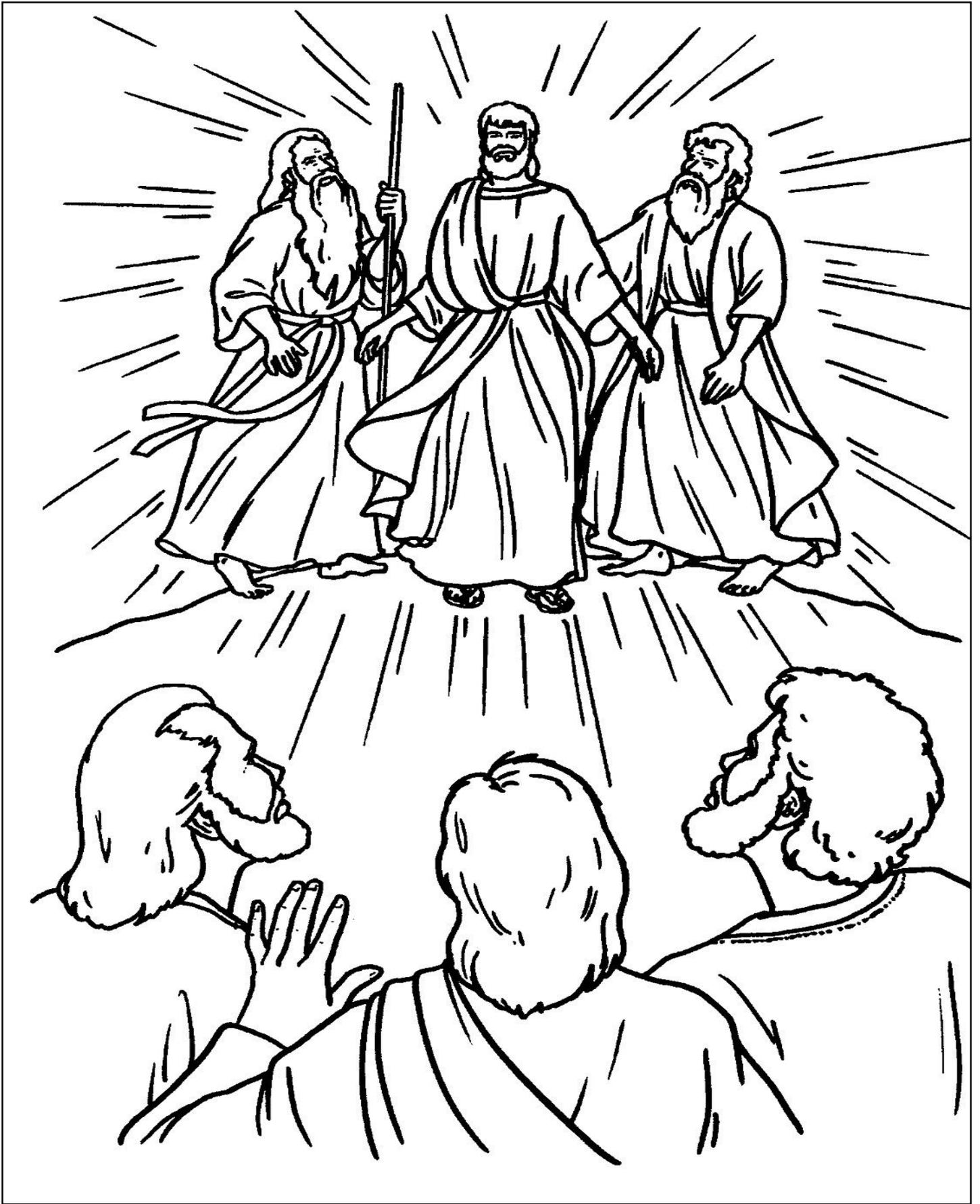
Stares of disapproval  
Laws that limit  
Even threats of violence

Cannot stifle the seed of love  
That unexpectedly grows in arid hearts  
that had thirsted for love yet were led to  
believe it was not meant for them

For us  
For us this miracle  
For us this knowing  
For us this slipping deeper and  
deeper into once empty chambers  
where the heart beats quicken along  
with a sudden intake of breath

Love will grow  
In spite of  
Because Love is love is love

*From Bishop Karen Oliveto, United Methodist Church, February 26, 2019*



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