

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP

February 5-11, 2018

*Worship as encounter with the living God cannot be limited to one hour per week. "Weekday Worship" invites you to extend your worship beyond the sanctuary, to hear the story of the Bible as your story, lived out each day of each week. Feedback is appreciated and should be directed to Rita Boyer.*

### BIBLE READING

This week's reading is: Mark 9:2-9 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?q=382085744>).

Other readings are: 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6.

The theme is: Called to Resurrection.

On this Sunday before Lent we observe the end of Jesus' ministry in Galilee and look ahead to his journey to Jerusalem and the cross. It is at this intersection that Jesus' glory is revealed in a mysterious event known as the Transfiguration of Jesus. In the first verse of his Gospel, Mark has already identified Jesus as the Son of God. In the story of the Transfiguration, Mark offers strong evidence to support his opening claim. Jesus is on a mountaintop with three of his disciples. His appearance is transformed, changed from that of a physical human body to a glorious spiritual body. Moses, representing the Law, and Elijah, representing the Prophets, appear on either side of Jesus. In an announcement reminiscent of Jesus' baptism, God declares that Jesus is the divine Son. It is an event that confounds all logic, experience, or explanation. How do we respond to such an event? The terrified disciples don't know what to say, but Peter suggests that they build a booth and stay a while. What could be better than being in the presence of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah? Imagine the conversations they could have and the teachings that would be shared! Yet, the resurrection lay ahead! As amazing as the Transfiguration was, something even greater was to come! Perhaps this mysterious experience where heaven seemed to meet earth would help to prepare the disciples for the day when God's power and love would conquer death.

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

*"Questions to Consider" enable you to connect your story to the biblical story. Rather than easy questions to be answered at first glance, these questions or reflections can be returned to and meditated upon throughout the week.*

**What do you do with experiences that defy explanation? Are you skeptical?**

**How do you embrace the hope of resurrection?**

Continue to reflect upon the worship theme of February 4:

**How can we bring Jesus' healing ministry to people where they are rather than expecting people to seek Jesus in a church?**