



**“There’s no place like home...”
The Wizard of Oz (1939)**

The Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

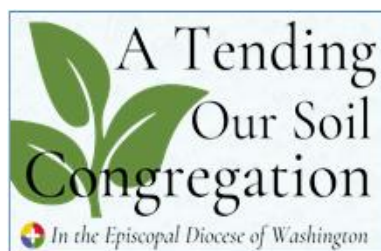
May 7, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Welcome to Transfiguration!

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, know you are welcome here.
We hope you will join us for food & fellowship following the service.
Know that we are blessed by your being here!

The flowers are given today in loving memory of Les Grant.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEE BACK PAGES

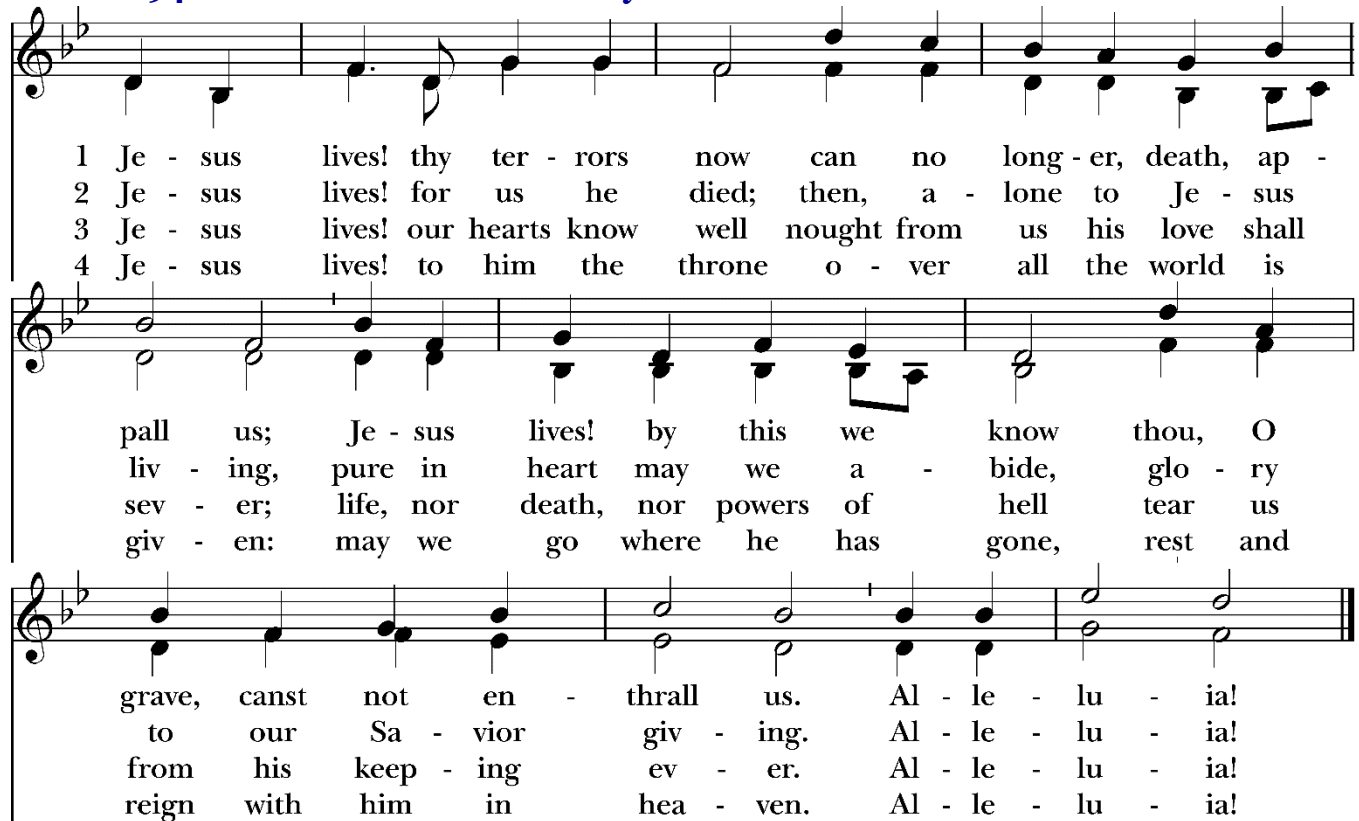


THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

HYMN 194

Jesus lives! thy terrors now



1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er, death, ap -
2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to Je - sus
3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his love shall
4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the world is

pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know thou, O
liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide, glo - ry
sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell tear us
giv - en: may we go where he has gone, rest and

grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!
to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Celebrant O faithful, come on this day of glorious resurrection:

People Let us drink the wine of the new vineyard,

Celebrant On this day we bless Christ for ever and ever.

People Let us drink the wine of joy, of the kingdom of Christ!

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN S-280**Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis***

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Generous God, whose way is love, whose truth is searching, whose life is freely given in Jesus Christ our Lord: as you have opened for us your house of many rooms, so may we make a place for the rejected and unloved, and share the work of peace; through Jesus Christ, the image of God.

People Amen.

THE FIRST READING Acts 7:55-60

A reading from the Book of Acts.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

THE SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner",

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the
and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion
bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 14:1-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON **The Rev. Kent Marcoux**

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The prayer leaders and **People** pray responsively.*

In this Eastertide we rejoice together at the resurrection of Christ. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:
God of truth, inspire with your wisdom
those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.
Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.
May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need, especially those we now name: _____
God of hope, comfort and restore
all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.
Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn,
especially those we now name: _____
We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith
of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
Father, into your hands we commend them.
Give comfort to those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.
We praise you for all your saints
who have entered your eternal glory.
May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves, for our ministries, and for others, especially those we name aloud
and in our hearts: _____
Lord, you have called us to serve you.

The Celebrant invites other prayers, then all pray the concluding collect that follows and respond, Amen.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

The people greet each other with a sign of God's peace and sing the following hymn.

HYMN Let there be peace on earth

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be,
With God as creator, brothers and sisters are we,
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

The people are seated.

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

All are invited to make an offering to support our work of sharing God's love in the community and with the world. Online giving is encouraged at the link below.

Transfiguration <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ecott/restriction/>



CHOIR ANTHEM

Sanctus

HYMN 47

On this day, the first of days

1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;

1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.
4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,
dwell within my heart alone;
thou dost give thyself to me:
help me give myself to thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The New Zealand Prayer Book

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven

where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God,
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation,
who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe,
we praise you for your unfailing gift of life.

We thank you that you make us human and stay with us
even when we turn from you to sin:

**God's love is shown to us:
while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.**

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save,
you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord.
You make all things new.

In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory
and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

In the power of endless life Christ is risen from the grave.
His death has broken death and opened for us the new and living way.
Christ is now our peace, our freedom and our joy.

In your mercy you are now our God.
Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart.
We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

**Now is the acceptable time,
now is the day of salvation.**

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets,
with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say:

**Holy, holy, holy:
God of mercy, giver of life;
earth and sea and sky
and all that lives,
declare your presence and your glory.**

All glory to you, Giver of life, sufficient and full for all creation.
Accept our praises, living God,
for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world,
who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread,
and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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 all, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.
Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer,
we meet you in your glory.
We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name.
Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation,
ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way,
our access to you, Father, and source of all new life.
In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit,
feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice,
and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

**Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you
in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Unison

Our Fa - ther, _____ which art in heav - en, _____ hal-low - ed
be _____ thy name, _____ Thy king - dom come,
Thy will be done on earth _____ as it is in
heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly
bread. And for - give us our debts as we for - give our
debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from
e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, _____ and the pow - er, _____ and the
glo - ry, for - ev - er. A - men. _____

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The people will come forward to receive communion packs that they bring back to their seats. After the first communion hymn, the Celebrant invites the communicants to receive the Bread and the Cup with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The ushers will pick up the used communion containers during the second communion hymn.

HYMN 51**We, the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting**


1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
 2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for the
 3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of cre -
 4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may

called us out of sin and dark - ness in - to his own light,
 faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
 a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
 take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,

that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest - hood.
 ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
 sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
 his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

LEVAS 126**Hark! The voice of Jesus calling**


1. Hark! The voice of Je - sus call - ing, Who will
 2. Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, There is
 3. Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His

1. go and work to - day? Fields are ripe the har - vest
 2. noth - ing I can do; While the souls of some are
 3. work your pleas - ure be; An - swer quick - ly when He

1. wait - ing, Who will bear the sheaves a - way?
 2. dy - ing, And the Mas - ter calls for you.
 3. call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me."

Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth, Rich re - ward He of - fers free;
 Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me."

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands;
the word of life in whom our joy is complete:
send us out to declare your truth,
your unshakable faith in the world you love. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Go with good courage,
not always knowing where you're going,
but trusting that God's hand is leading you
and God's love is supporting you.
And the blessing of God,
who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us,
be with you now and forever.

People Amen.

HYMN 518

Christ is made the sure foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

DISMISSAL

Leader Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023 – 10:30 AM

WORSHIP LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

❖ Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Kent Marcoux
❖ Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)	JJ Boulin
❖ Acolytes	Maya Talyowe & Marvin Arthur
❖ Reader (First Lesson)	Betty Boulin
❖ Reader (Psalm)	Betty Boulin
❖ Reader (Second Lesson)	Constance Anammah
❖ Director of Music	Elton King
❖ Vocalists	Transfiguration Parish Choir
❖ Other Lay Ministers	the People of Transfiguration
❖ Altar Guild	Karen Facen, Maureen Kasule, Caroline Kajubi and Diana Livingstone
❖ Audio/Visual	Steve van Albert

LEADERS IN MINISTRY AT TRANSFIGURATION

❖ Altar Guild	Karen Facen
❖ Altar Guild – Flowers	Gail Carter
❖ Lectors & LEMs	JJ Boulin
❖ Ushers & Audio/Visual	Steve Van Albert
❖ Choir	Elton King, Director of Music
❖ Episcopal Church Women (ECW)	Kellie Renich, President
❖ The Men's Group (TMG)	Craig Carter, President
❖ Vestry & Treasurer	Dave Stoddard & Ladi Grey-Coker, <i>Wardens</i> Gail Carter, Cheryl Lee Church, Gordon Linton, Charity Nabakuye, Rik Renich, Tom Stevens, Moses Talyowe, Casey Tesfaye, Martha Wolf; Kathy Berry, <i>Treasurer</i>

Thank you for joining us today!
For more information, please see
www.transfig.org
or contact the Church Office at
church@transfig.org
or 301-384-6264

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 7, 2023

TODAY at Transfiguration! – Thank you for joining us for worship today!
Please join us downstairs for food & fellowship immediately following the service!

Young people – Our Sunday School classes are meeting today – see below for details!
Note: Sunday School classes are meeting in new locations starting today (May 7).

Nursery Available – The nursery is available for childcare. You may go there directly or ask the ushers for directions. The nursery is downstairs next to the Parish Hall.

Our Prayer List – At this time we are praying for:

Gloria, Emy, Beverly, Ida, Edwin, Tina, Marilyn, Dave, Bankole, John, Kathe, Toni, Rose & Roscoe, Linnet, Arthur, Lloyd, Lucille, Paulette, Karlyn, Ruth, Desmond, Joan, Noel, Olivia, Terri, Bill, Joyce, Ernest, Betty, Jim, John, and Joycelyn

*Please submit prayer requests at transfig.org/prayer-request or call the office at 301-384-6264.
Note: the prayer list will be updated every two weeks. If you wish to continue praying for someone, you may submit another request online or call the office for an extension.

This Week at Transfiguration (new items highlighted) *More info on next page

May 7 (Sun)	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	9:00 AM Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom
	9:30 AM “Intro to Worship & the Worship Committee” – Library All are welcome to this overview – please join us!
	10:30 AM Holy Eucharist – In person/livestream
May 10 (Wed)	10:00 AM Morning Prayer & Bible – Library/Zoom
May 11 (Thu)	7:30 PM Choir rehearsal – Community Building
May 13 (Sat)	9:00 AM Tending Our Soil Learning Lab – off-site
May 14 (Sun)	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	9:00 AM Holy Eucharist – online via Zoom
	10:30 AM Holy Eucharist – In person/livestream
May 17 (Wed)	10:00 AM Morning Prayer & Bible – Library/Zoom
May 18 (Thu)	1:00 PM Meeting: Worship Cte – Library 7:30 PM Choir rehearsal – Community Building

PARISH CALENDAR ONLINE: transfig.org/calendar/
Stay up to date by visiting our parish calendar on our website.
Contact the church office to submit events for the calendar or with any questions. Thank you for helping us to stay current!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TRANSFIGURATION

Our Sunday School is a time of fun, friends, and learning about God's love.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES 6-12 (10:30–11:15 AM)

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join Sunday School during the 10:30 am service. At 10:30 go directly to your class – in the Library (next to the Parish Hall). You will join your family during the Announcements.

Teachers: Casey Tesfaye,
David Boyd, Humphrey Magino

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADES K-5 / AGES 3-5 (12:00–12:45 PM)

Youth in grades K-5 and ages 3-5 are invited to join Sunday School – after the 10:30 am service. Come down to the Parish Hall – then join your class in the Nursery.

Teacher: Martha Wolf