

Readings for February 14, 2021 United Church of Strafford Live Zoom Service

A Transfiguration Reading, from Psalms 50, 104, 36 & 139 and II Corinthians 4

O God, you speak and summon the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, you shine forth.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O God, my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.
Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
With you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
The gods of this world blind people's minds
and keep them from perceiving the light
shining from the image of God in Christ.
But the God who said,
"Let light shine out of darkness,"
has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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The Transfiguration Story, Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.