



**Order of Worship  
February 27, 2022  
Transfiguration Sunday  
10:00 AM**

*10:00 Online Worship  
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"*

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Welcome**

*Love is an all or nothing proposition. Only by loving your enemies as well as your friends do we live as children of the Most High.*

**Prelude**

*Savior, Source of Every Blessing*

Mozart

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

**Call to Worship**

Shally Stanley

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!”

**Opening Prayer**

Shally Stanley

Reveal your presence to us this day, O God of light, love, and glory. As you did to your servants at the foot of the mountain, send your Spirit to show us your story. May the brilliance of your face illuminate this place as we dare to proclaim your Word and may we, your people, be never unable to tell all of that we have heard.

**Hymn** (See last page)

*Holy Ground  
Sung through Twice*

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**Children’s Message**

Pastor Debra

**Prayer for Transfiguration Sunday**

Shally Stanley/Steve Evick

**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. Amen.**

**Ministry of Music**

*Just a Little Talk with Jesus*

Choir

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Shally Stanley

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## **Old Testament Reading**

*Exodus 34:29-35*

Shally Stanley

### **The Shining Face of Moses**

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant<sup>[a]</sup> in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> 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, <sup>35</sup> 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.

## **New Testament**

*Luke 9:28-36*

Shally Stanley

### **The Transfiguration**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> 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. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> 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.

## **Sermon**

*Let Your Faith Glow*

Pastor Debra

### **Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Debra

God of Mercy and Grace,  
you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth  
to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us:  
Yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate.

You give us the ministry of reconciliation:  
Yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness.

You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John  
on the mountain of Transfiguration:  
Yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives.

You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth:  
Yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us.

You bless our lives with boundless love:  
Yet we fail to witness to that love,  
and so keep others from knowing you.

Forgive our selfishness, we pray.  
Transform us by your Spirit and your Word  
into that which pleases you,  
the image of Christ. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus admonished Peter, James, and John not to tell of what they witnessed on the mountain until he was resurrected. But we can tell what we have seen and heard of God's glory!

Here is the good news:

Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven!

Go, share the vision!

Tell of God's love! In this God is well pleased!

### **Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

Shally Stanley

*In days of old, God was seen as far from the people. But we know Christ, and in him we know God. When we share what we have out of love, our hearts grow closer to God, and we shine with Christ's glory. Let us offer our gifts to God today.*

*Offertory*

*A Memory*

Thompson

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Prayer of Dedication**

Shally Stanley

**Generous God, it is through your mercy that we have this ministry—the ministry of our talents and treasure, the ministry of our passion and purpose. Strengthen our hearts for your service, and accept the grateful offerings we lay before you. Amen.**

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**Closing Hymn** (See last page)

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH 451

## **Benediction**

Pastor Debra

Go now sure footed in faith with eyes wide open and waiting for God's glory to surprise you in unexpected ways. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Spirit, Mystery, Sign and Hope, be with you and those whose lives you touch now and always. Go to transform the world in peace. Amen

## **Sung Benediction**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

**We go to be the hands of Christ,  
To scatter joy like seed  
And, all our days, to cherish life,  
To do the loving deed.**

## **Postlude**

*Sing to the Lord*

Smith

## **HOLY GROUND**

*We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
Let us praise Jesus now;  
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

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## **BE THOU MY VISION**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!*

*Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*