

February 22, 2009  
Transfiguration Sunday

MCC NOVA

Call to Worship  
Based on Psalm 50:1-6

One: All day long from the dawn to the golden light on the hills  
Many: The Creator calls to the earth

One: Creation is the perfection of beauty  
Many: And from it comes a reflection of the God of the Universe

One: God is not still and detached  
Many: And moves and swirls to surround us everyday

One: God calls out to all creation  
Many: And all creations declares God's goodness

Readings

## TRANSFIGURATION

distant mountains  
soft dun profile  
barely noticed  
mind on the ordinary

cleaning, reading  
chatting on the phone  
running errands

until evening sun  
begins it's descent  
launching a transformation

unexpected brilliance  
of gold, bronze, amber  
draws me to those  
once drab hills

I am compelled  
to sit, to watch  
ever shifting forms

shadows amidst  
swathes of sunshine  
once hidden ridges  
outlined by jet ravines  
stark beauty

now the light softens  
mahogany, amethyst, mauve  
with charcoal depths  
a prayer to dusk

I close my eyes  
futile attempt  
to hold on to the moment

for when I glance again  
only a fading profile remains

I reenter the mundane

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Mark 9:2-9 NRSV

9:2 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,

9:3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

9:4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

9:5 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."

9:6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

9:7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

9:8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9:9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of [Humanity] had risen from the dead.

Sermon Title:

The Only Thing That Stays the Same is Change

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