

Astoria First United Methodist Church
February 14, 2021

Transfiguration Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Frances

CENTERING MUSIC

“Holy Ground”

Mary Frances

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Michael

CALL TO WORSHIP

James Cook

You are with us, God of sunrises: you awaken us with each bright new day, overflowing with promise. You are with us, Inviting God: calling us to respond to all the chances to share the spirit of grace and hope. You are with us, Glory of God: gathering us into the presence of your peace, listening to the deep sighs of our hearts. We long to hear God’s Word. Cry out! Let us join together and tell of God’s wonderful deeds.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Michael

SCRIPTURE READING

“II Kings 2:1-12”

James Cook

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he said, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.” Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Michael

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

BENEDICTION:

Pastor Michael

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC
as they join us for worship.**

**As a follow-up to our recent Four Week Advent Study,
We are beginning another study in the new year.**

Topic: Extraordinary Men and Women in the Bible

Our next study will be Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Time: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. by Zoom

**Our Stewardship / Pledge Drive was in January and it's not too late to
send your pledge cards into the church office As Soon As Possible.**

We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.

Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.

If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.

We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.
