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# St. Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church

## Transfiguration Sunday — February 11, 2018

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As you sit to prepare for worship, you are invited to take a moment to acknowledge the land on which our church stands and the spirit of those First Peoples who named this area  
Katorakwi – the meeting place on the flat rocks.

We also acknowledge the enduring presence of First Peoples who remind us to honour the places where our feet stand.

◆ the congregation is invited to stand, as you are able.  
Congregational responses and hymn titles appear in **bold** type

### Gathering of God's People

**Prelude:** *Dove of Peace*

Charles Callahan

### Greetings & Announcements

### Joys & Concerns

### Call to Worship:

Jesus went up a mountain, where he and three of his best buds received a life-changing glimpse of glory.

**We crawled out of bed today to come to this mountain  
for a glimpse of glory... a glimpse of God...  
a glimpse of beyond... a glimpse of otherness.**

There is always so much more than what we see, or hear, or feel.

**When we laugh... or cry... or just be...  
there is always a bigger picture,  
a broader perspective, a higher, longer view.**

We gather to listen, to open ourselves to the possibilities,  
to allow ourselves to wonder and question...

**trusting that our worship might take us  
to such a deeper, higher, broader, wider glimpse of God.**

*Christ Candle is lit in reverent silence*

Come! Let us worship God.

◆ **Hymn:** ***How Good, Lord to Be Here*** VU #103  
Tune: Schumann as on insert page

**Responsive Invocation:** **Psalm 50** VU #775

**Anthem:** *Be still, for the presence of the Lord* Evans/Shepherd

### Good News in God's Word

**Conversation Time:** Denis Lehotay

**Scripture** (please see back of page): Ken Ross  
OT: Deuteronomy 34:5-9 & II Kings 2:8-12; NT: Mark 9:2-9a

◆ **Hymn:** ***Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*** VU #336  
Tune "DIX" as in VU #81 on insert page

**Today's Message:** *"We Come, We Shine, We Go"*

*"Then he lost sight of him... and he warned them to tell no one what they had seen... to this day no-one has found his grave."*

II Kings 2:12b, Mark 9: 9a, Deut'y 34:6b

### Giving Our Response

◆ **Hymn:** ***We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*** VU #104

**Prayers of the People, Ending with The Lord's Prayer**

*(Including a time for silent prayer)*

◆ **Offertory Prayer & Sung Response:** VU #82

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
throughout the night, living in the light.  
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love  
is burning bright, living in the light.**

*Please be seated for the Courtesies*

### Courtesies

#### Going into God's World

◆ **Closing Hymn:** ***Give Thanks for Life*** VU #706

◆ **Blessing & Going Forth:**  ***Peace Be with You*** MV #215

**Peace be with you, peace forever, peace be with you, my friends.  
Till we meet again, may God be with you. Peace, peace, peace.**

**Postlude:** *Prelude in G minor* J.S. Bach

**Weekly quote:** *"The mark of the immature person is that (s)he wants to die nobly for a cause, while the mark of a mature person is that (s)he wants to live humbly for one."* William Stekel

#### OLD TESTAMENT 1: Deuteronomy 34:5-9 (NRSV)

Moses, the servant of Yahweh, died there in the land of Moab at God's command. He was buried there, in a valley opposite Beth-peor. To this day no one knows his burial place. Moses was 120 years old when he died: his sight unimpaired, his vigour unabated.

The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. The Israelites obeyed him, doing as Yahweh had commanded Moses.

OLD TESTAMENT 2: II Kings 2:8-12 (NRSV)

Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you."

Elisha replied, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

To which Elijah responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them... and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

As Elisha watched him go he cried out, "Father, father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" Then, when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Herein lies wisdom

**Thanks be to God**

NEW TESTAMENT: Mark 9:2-9a (NRSV)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James & John, and led them up a high mountain where they could be apart by themselves.

He was transfigured before them, his clothes becoming dazzling white - whiter than anyone 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 didn't know what he was saying, for he was 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 anymore, but only Jesus.

And as they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no-one about what they had seen.

Herein lies good news

**Thanks be to Christ**

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## Statement of Purpose:

St. Andrew's By-The-Lake United Church strives to be...

a friendly, welcoming and inclusive church family which offers:

- spiritual leadership, concern and support for people in the community and the wider world,
- personal growth for all ages, through worship and educational opportunities that strengthen faith in God through Christ, and
- an informal setting, accessible and inviting to all.

