

## Sermon Notes – February 15, 2026 – Transfiguration Sunday

### The God of the Mountain

Jesus' transfiguration is a mountaintop transforming experience. We need mountaintop transforming moments so that we can journey down the valleys. *Transforming moments strengthen us for valleys.*

### Sanctifying Question

What has been a mountaintop transforming occurrence in your life?

### Lectionary Readings

OT – Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm – Psalm 2

Epistle – 2 Peter 1:16-21

*Gospel – Matthew 17:1-9*

### Matthew 17:1-9 (New Living Translation)

Six days later Jesus took Peter and the two brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone. As the men watched, Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking with Jesus.

Peter exclaimed, “Lord, it’s wonderful for us to be here! If you want, I’ll make three shelters as memorials – one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

But even as he spoke, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy. Listen to him.” The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground.

Then Jesus came over and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” And when they looked up, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus.

As they went back down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”