

**Saturday, June 15**

Matthew 17:1-13 *“So also the Son of man will suffer at their hands.”* (v.12b)

On the mountaintop, the disciples saw the glory of Jesus, the King of glory, but did not understand what was happening. Jesus tried to prepare them, but they could not anticipate the suffering which lay ahead for their Lord.

It is difficult to imagine what it must have been like being with Jesus on the mountain, but that does not mean that the Transfiguration has no meaning for us. Paul wrote, “we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another” (2 Corinthians 3:18a).

As followers of Jesus, our transformations are not without suffering and pain. Suffering may come from unfulfilled dreams, broken relationships, illness, or feelings of isolation and depression. As painful as these things may be, we rejoice that we can focus on Jesus and give thanks for his sacrificial suffering for us which revealed both his glory and his power to change our lives.

Numbers 3:1-13; Psalms 75, 76; Galatians 6:11-18

**Anniversaries:** Jim & Widget Webert, Mac Stuckey & Kendra Brown

**Birthdays:** Cindy Herlihy, Donna Kemp

**Saturday’s Calendar:**

- 7:00 am Hour of Power AA
- 9:00 am Shepherd Group
- 10:00 am Bible Study ONLINE
- 8:30 pm Not Alone Group
- 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Today’s Ministry:** Gardening Ministry

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*“Growing into Jesus - Reaching out with Love”*

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**Sunday, June 9**

Luke 12:32-40 *“You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”* (v.40 NRSV)

Handel’s Messiah uses carefully selected biblical texts and a musical score that runs the gamut of human emotions to tell the story of God’s plan of redemption. A portion of Psalm 24 is used to make a statement about the identity of the one who “is coming at an unexpected hour.” “Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.” It is as if the temple gates come alive and stand at attention to greet an important, but unknown visitor. “Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!” The placement of the psalm in Handel’s libretto makes it absolutely clear that Jesus, the Risen Christ, the one who created the universe and is who is sovereign over all that dwell therein, is the one who will come in power and glory. The “whole creation... [and] we ourselves...groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies” (Romans 8:22-23).

Once we know Jesus, how can we do anything but be ready “for the Son of man [who] is coming at an unexpected hour”? Once we know Jesus, how can we do anything but seek to present him, in the power of the Holy Spirit, so that others may be led to accept him as Savior and follow him as Lord?

Ecclesiastes 6:1-12; Psalms 24, 29; Acts 10:9-23

**Birthdays:** Emily Faulkner, Missy Guiles

**Sunday’s Calendar:**

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00 am Contemporary Family Worship
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 2:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous

**Today’s Ministry:** Cursillo

## Monday, June 10

Matthew 15:21-28 *“Lord, help me.” He answered. “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”* (vv.25b-26)

The words of Jesus seem harsh. How could our Lord ignore the heartache of a woman seeking healing for her daughter? The words are his purpose statement. God called His people to be a missionary people through whom all the families of the earth would be blessed. “I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring...from the prison those who sit in darkness” (Isaiah 42:6b-7).

The woman could not be dismissed easily; she was on a mission seeking wholeness for her daughter. Jesus also had a mission. As he healed the girl, he revealed that he is the Savior of all people.

Who are the Canaanite women around you who may not know Jesus nor have the persistence to keep asking for help? You are entrusted with Jesus’ message of reconciliation. When you hear “help me,” are you prepared to make an introduction to the one who can help? He came to the lost sheep of Israel, but as the King of glory he alone is the one who can reconcile all people to his heavenly Father.

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14; Psalms 56, 57, 58; Galatians 4:12-20

**Anniversaries:** Bud & Carolyn McCollum, Matt & Sara Peterson, Cindy & Taylor Nimmer, Marc & Dana Gaccione

**Birthdays:** Elizabeth Earle, Barbara Davis, Nor Perez

### Monday’s Calendar:

7:00 am	Hour of Power AA
10:00 am	Praying Hands (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays)
3:00 pm	Daughters of the King (2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays)
5:45 pm	ACOA

**Today’s Ministry:** Daughters of the King

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## Tuesday, June 11

Matthew 15:29-39 *And all of them ate and were filled....* (v.37a)

Jimmy never seemed able to grasp the lessons as the young curate taught his students about the sacraments. The other children made fun of him, “Jimmy’s not very bright is he?” As the class continued, the priest realized he needed to give the young boy some special attention. They sat down together to talk about the Holy Eucharist. The curate drew a sketch of a chalice. “What is this, Jimmy?” “Father, that’s the cup, the cup that, when you pray, has Jesus’ blood in it.” The priest drew a host over the chalice. “What’s this, Jimmy?” “Father, that’s the bread, the body of Jesus.” “Good, Jimmy, good job.” “But...but, Father, something is missing.” “What? I don’t think I understand, Jimmy.” The boy took the pencil and slowly drew lines radiating out from the chalice and the host. “What’s that, Jimmy?” “Don’t you know, Father. Don’t you see it? Every time at the altar when you hold up the cup and bread, I see the glory, don’t you see it, Father? Don’t you see it?”

“And they all ate and were satisfied....” Do you suppose anyone saw the glory, the King of glory, on the mountain that day? [In gratitude for this story Sister Penelope Mary, CHS, shared with me.]

Ecclesiastes 8:14—9:10; Psalms 61, 62; Galatians 4:21-31

**Anniversaries:** Scott & Heidi McNabb, David & Danielle Keith, Rusty & Debi Russillo, Carl & Susan Meece

**Birthdays:** Stephen Day, Brian DuPell

### Tuesday’s Calendar:

7:00 am	Hour of Power AA
9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study
12:10 pm	Healing Service

**Today’s Ministry:** Eucharistic Visitors

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## Wednesday, June 12

Galatians 5:1-15 *Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another.* (v.13b RSV)

The woman came out of church sobbing uncontrollably, speaking almost incoherently. The man was clearly agitated, but dispassionately told his side of the story. What happened in the church or in the days, perhaps months or years before, was not clear. I was immediately engulfed in a conflict with little understanding of what was happening. My heart was broken. How could they leave the Lord’s table and believe they had the freedom to attack each other?

Paul is a great theologian, but he always returns to the practical. “Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh.” As “you bite and devour one another” you consume each other. When we have been wronged, it is easy to believe that we have the right to strike back. The result is almost always the same: brokenness not healing. Paul echoes Jesus’ words, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself;” this fulfills the whole law.

Lord, I pray for the willingness to use my freedom not to destroy others with my selfishness, but to exalt them with my love.

Ecclesiastes 9:11-18; Psalm 72; Matthew 16:1-12

**Anniversaries:** Rev. Tom & Jana Hartley

**Birthdays:** Janet Warren, Grady Cooper

### Wednesday’s Calendar:

7:00 am	Hour of Power AA
9:30 am	School of Prayer
10:00 am	Life Group
4:30 pm	Mary’s Kitchen
5:30 pm	Daily Reflections AA

**Today’s Ministry:** Facilities Committee

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## Thursday, June 13

Psalm 71 *O God, from my youth thou hast taught me, and I still proclaim thy wondrous deeds.* (v.17)

I was still a long way from “old age” when, as my hair was being cut, I looked in my lap and saw the “gray hairs” that had fallen from my head. I often think about the day I publicly accepted Jesus as my Savior and Lord. I was 44 years old, successful by the world’s standards, but strangely empty inside. As I returned from my Cursillo weekend, the world was the same, but I was different.

Years later, as I reflect on my life and my spiritual rebirth, it is absolutely clear that “from my youth [God] hast taught me.” My mother,

Sunday school teachers, pastors, my wife, and friends who have come along beside me have been used by God to teach me to proclaim His wondrous deeds.

“You got me when I was an unformed youth, God, and taught me everything I know. Now I’m telling the world your wonders; I’ll keep at it until I’m old and gray” (*The Message*, by Eugene H. Peterson). I give thanks that God “got me” and called me to follow the one whose power and righteousness reach the high heavens.

Ecclesiastes 11:1-8; Psalm 70; Galatians 5:16-24; Matthew 16:13-20

**Anniversaries:** Dick & Barb La Mirand, Marcia & Herb Nock

**Birthdays:** Susie Marsh, Penelope Soares

### Thursday’s Calendar:

7:00 am	Hour of Power AA
7:30 am	Men’s Bible Study
9:30 am	Life Group (Zoom)
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
4:30 pm	Life Group
5:00 pm	Life Group
5:30 pm	East Ocean Group AA
5:45 pm	ACOA
7:00 pm	Al-Anon- Stepping Stones

**Today’s Ministry:** Finance Committee

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## Friday, June 14

Galatians 5:25—6:10 *Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.* (v.2)

Love is the right way to use our freedom in Christ. Bearing one another’s burdens is what it means to fulfill the law of Christ. His law is neither a code of rules, nor a body of laws; it is the all-inclusive principle of love for each other. We can know this law as the Holy Spirit reveals to us how Jesus himself lived his life; how he lived his life in a way which exemplified the law of love.

We can and should speak to others about our faith, but when it is seen in our deeds, it shines a powerful light into a world that often seems very dark. Paul encourages his brothers and sisters to demonstrate their freedom in Christ by their actions. “Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Work produced by faith, labor prompted by love, and endurance inspired by hope are the marks of the true Christian life.

Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:14; Psalm 69; Matthew 16:21-28

**Anniversaries:** Pete Ciccone & Mary Lupton

**Birthdays:** Tom Baker, Dave Von Holle, Nancy Ward, Bob Brown, Father Christian Anderson, Niall Rafferty

### Friday’s Calendar:

Summer Office Hours Begin: 9:00 am- 1:00 pm	
7:00 am	Hour of Power AA
9:30 am	Life Group
8:00 pm	AA Friday Nite Young People

**Today’s Ministry:** Flower Guild