

Order of Worship for January February 14, 2021  
Transfiguration Sunday  
Virtual Worship



*John August Swanson. Elijah, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.*

## **We Approach God**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Hymn: “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*)

Unison: God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you— to hide our faces, to hide our sin— yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you— in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops— yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (spoken in unison):

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance

Summary of the Law of Love

Gloria Patri

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

2 Kings 2:1-12

Mark 9:2-9

Children’s Message

Sermon: “Shining Through”

## **We Respond to God’s Word**

Song of Response: “Transfigure Me” by Christopher Grundy

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

**and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace (stretch your hands toward your screen if you're on video, praying God's peace on the assembly.)

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings may be made in three ways:

- Electronic transfer using Zelle to [frc1850@aol.com](mailto:frc1850@aol.com)
- Online giving at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1289239>
- Checks made out to First Reformed Church may be mailed to 18 Farragut Ave., Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

*Our time of prayer concludes with the 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

Closing Song: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" as performed by Etta James

Blessing and Benediction

*The space will remain open for conversation and catching up in our "virtual coffee hour."*

#### **Announcements**

**Ash Wednesday Joint Zoom Service with Greenville Community Church:** An Ash Wednesday worship service jointly sponsored by First Reformed Church of Hastings-on-Hudson and Greenville Community Church will be held via Zoom on February 17, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent, a season in the church that leads to Easter. The normal practice is to impose ashes on the foreheads of worshipers but this year, due to the pandemic, participants will be invited to mark their own foreheads with olive oil. Note: please be prepared with your own oil! The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87321348052?pwd=SGs1UjV3OE0yRHNZWdhdDak54ek5Jdz09>

**Lent Study Group:** After an enthusiastic response to Advent's study group, Pastor Emily will lead a study group on Zoom during the six Wednesdays of Lent (starting on the Wednesday *after* Ash Wednesday, which is February 17). The dates are February 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24, and April 3. We will be reading together Amy-Jill Levine's book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*. In this book, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story through the theme of "risk." She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience. Sign up for the study by emailing Pastor Emily: [revemilybrown@gmail.com](mailto:revemilybrown@gmail.com). **If you would like us to order you a copy of the book to pick up at the church, please email no later than today, February 7!** (\$10 per copy is appreciated, but if that presents a financial difficulty we will happily provide the book for you.)

**Annual Meeting:** Our annual congregational meeting will take place via Zoom on February 28 at 11:30am. All members and regular attendees of First Reformed Church are encouraged to attend. The meeting will include reports, passing a budget for 2021, and electing members of Consistory. One

deacon, Isabel Noguera, will be ending her term, and we are seeking congregants who feel called to serve in this way. If you are interested in serving as a Deacon, please reach out to any of the Deacons or Elders, or Pastor Emily.

**Pulpit Exchange with Woodlands Community Temple: March 5 & 7:** On Sunday, March 7, we're delighted to welcome Rabbi Mara Young as our guest preacher! Mara has been serving as Associate Rabbi at Woodlands Community Temple, and will succeed Rabbi Billy Dreskin when he retires in June. Pastor Emily will preach for WCT's Shabbat service on March 5 at 8pm. The service is streamed to Facebook, and a link will be provided closer to the date. We hope you'll join in both services as we get to know our neighbors!