

“Being Transformed Into The Same Image”

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
(Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-43a)

Transfiguration frames the Epiphany season. In the Baptism of the Lord story, the voice from heaven said “this is my son, with him I am well pleased.” In this story from the mountain of transfiguration, the voice says, “this is my son, listen to him.” There was a lot of life that took place in that period between his baptism and the transfiguration. In that time, Jesus embodied the image that we were all created to reflect. He then fulfilled it in his journey to the cross. As we act boldly according to our faith, we are also being transformed into the same image. In this story from Exodus, we see the people of Israel pushing God away by veiling Moses face, rather than being transformed into what God intends for them to be. The veil made them comfortable but ultimately kept them from being transformed into the image they were always meant to reflect. We also can do the same. Rather than face our own uncomfortableness and need to change, we veil the Gospel and its call to be transformed into the image of Christ. Acting boldly is taking off the veil, facing our own sin, turning toward the Lord and allowing ourselves to be transformed.