

**Jude Doxology**  
By Randy & Terry Butler

# THE TRANSFIGURATION

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We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**

**Credits:**

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**We were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**  
**2 Peter 1:16**

**Old Orchard Church**  
**February 10, 2013 — 10:15-11:50 a.m.**

## **Celebrating Jesus Christ, Hidden Lord of Glory**

In his transfiguration on the mountain  
Before his three disciples,  
Jesus reveals his divine splendor,  
hidden for a time, under his humanity.  
As he draws toward his passion and great pain,  
he reveals to his own, for their encouragement,  
that he is  
**God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Very God of Very God,  
Begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father.**

Blessed be the Lord who bought us:  
one day all who believe—though now obscure,  
misused, and their glory hidden—  
will shine in his borrowed light.



### **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 1:22-28

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

### **Sermon**

**“Biblical Hospitality: The Castle Doctrine”  
I Kings 17:7-16**

*Ron Lutjens, senior pastor, preaching*

## **On Light**



There is a good deal in the New Testament about light and darkness, and I think we should constantly remind ourselves to what an extent we take artificial light for granted.

Most of us lie within touch of an electric light switch, many of us live in cities and towns whose streets and houses are illuminated, and the flashlight is a commonplace almost all over the world. We thus find in the world of the first century

A.D. that light creates a much greater impression of divine presence or divine happening than speed or size or physical power, which are the things which impress many of us today.

The story of the transfiguration is a particularly good example of this. The dazzling brightness of both the face of Jesus and of his clothes filled Peter, James and John with awe as did the sight of Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus.

It seems to me it would be quite possible to relate the incident in a different way. Suppose that the limitations of time and earthly life were, so to speak, momentarily lifted. Peter, James and John would then see Jesus radiantly bright talking without the slightest sense of anachronism with the two men of the past who represented the law and the prophets. Thus one could say not so much that Jesus was transfigured but that the disciples were temporarily relieved of their earth-blindness.

—J. B. Phillips (1950's)

