

SERMON FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2013

The First Chinese Church of Christ in Hawai'i (UCC)

Transfiguration Sunday/Chinese New Year

7:45 & 10:30 Worship Services

Scripture: Luke 2:28-36; 37-43

Message: ***"God's Glory in New & Surprising Ways!"***

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Giovanni Bellini, d. 1516

Gathering in the Word

Hearing the Word

Luke 9:28-37 (The Message Bible)

Jesus in His Glory

²⁸⁻³¹ About eight days after saying this, he climbed the mountain to pray, taking Peter, John, and James along. While he was in prayer, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became blinding white. At once two men were there talking with him. They turned out to be Moses and Elijah—and what a glorious appearance they made! They talked over his exodus, the one Jesus was about to complete in Jerusalem. ³²⁻³³ Meanwhile, Peter and those with him were slumped over in sleep. When they came to, rubbing their eyes, they saw Jesus in his glory and the two men standing with him. When Moses and Elijah had left, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, this is a great moment! Let’s build three memorials: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He blurted this out without thinking. ³⁴⁻³⁵ While he was babbling on like this, **a light-radiant cloud** enveloped them. As they found themselves buried in the cloud, they became deeply aware of God. Then there was a voice out of the cloud: **“This is my Son, the Chosen! Listen to him.”**

³⁶ When the sound of the voice died away, they saw Jesus there alone. They were speechless. And they continued speechless, said not one thing to anyone during those days of what they had seen. ³⁷ and around exclaiming over all the things he was doing.

Doing the Word

Okay, so what is the Word of God for us on this Transfiguration Sunday as we soon enter Lent 2013 this coming Wednesday?

1. The dazzling light is in each of us!

2. In Jesus' dazzling display on Transfiguration Sunday—LISTEN TO JESUS!

3. See the dazzling presence of Jesus in each other!

Sent in the Word