

Sermon Outline for Transfiguration Sunday after the Epiphany February 19, 2012

Mark 9:2-10

When I was a kid, glory was the sunshine that came through the clouds in the pictures of my Sunday School book.

People often find glory in sports activities, war, and money. It try to find it in laughter at my jokes.

Many times we get caught up in a false sense of glory. One time a building committee tried to make sure that their church's steeple was taller than another church's steeple.

What is true glory? It's a child being baptized. It's creation and all living things. It's people who care.

But really, we start with Jesus' glory. We see his glory when we see his love for people. We see his glory when we see his willingness to go all the way to the cross to be with us in death. We see his glory when we see that he is ready to give us the gift of new resurrected life. We need Jesus to show us how to find glory in love and service.

We need the glory of the Father to shine in the lives of people who live in darkness.

We need the glory of the Spirit to show us how to be peacemakers in our world, to show us how to respond to people in need, and to guide us down dark pathways

Today several people are joining our church. Each one of them reflects the glory of God.