

REview and PREview  
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Good Wednesday afternoon! I trust you are off to a good week.

REview - Sunday's sermon has been uploaded into the Archived files for your review. I so enjoyed gathering with you at the Lord's Table and anointing those who came forward. Life's demands and the complicated people I meet remind me of my need of the Spirit's nourishing presence. Would that prayer continue to be the ever new normal.

PREview - I hope you will prepare yourselves for worship on Sunday. The readings are brief: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 and Mark 9:2-9. Psalm 50:1-6 is assigned to the day.

Based on Mark 9:3, and 6, "He was transfigured before them...and they were terrified," daily blogger Steve Garnaas-Holmes writes:

"Dearly Beloved,

Grace and Peace to you.

Don't be fooled by the neon friendliness,  
like a "burgers and shakes" sign.  
Don't fall for the allure of great figures,  
Moses and Elijah and Elvis assuring you  
you're on the road to the stars.  
Don't be waylaid by your cleverness  
to have brought a box,  
a very theological box, to put this all in.  
Let's be honest: it's terrifying  
to stand too close to a speeding train,  
to get near to the power of God,  
the light that can change you  
into your own unknown,  
the mystery that will surely consume you,  
the love that will crack your life open  
till the light all spills out  
and you're drawn to the cross,  
kicking and screaming and grateful.  
Maybe Jesus himself was a little freaked  
at first to be turned into pure light.  
As with any great force, if you're not scared  
you're not paying attention.  
Pay attention. Bow down, and listen."

Here's to prayer (and listening) becoming our new normal!  
Pastor Tom