



**Gospel: The Transfiguration** Pastor Junior  
**Mark 9:2-9**

**Scripture Acclamation (Responsive)** Pastor Junior

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message “Ancient African History in the Bible”** Andrew Githiaka

**Hymn VU 612 There is a Balm in Gilead** Congregation

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer** Pastor Junior

[...]

We gather these and all our prayers,  
thankful that we may turn to you  
as to our Mother who loves us, as we say:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven**  
**hallowed be thy Name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**the power, and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

**Offering Invitation** Pastor Junior

**Offertory VU 538 For the Gift of Creation** Congregation  
**Response**

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,**  
**and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,**  
**we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.**  
**May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

**Prayer over the Gifts (Responsive)** Pastor Junior

God of the transfiguration, we bring our gifts to you, ordinary gifts that you use to build our church in this time in our world. Dazzling Mountaintop God, you use ordinary and challenging circumstances in life to reach out to us.

**Help us to notice you and the ways you are calling us to serve in your name. Remove the fear that clouds our hearts and thoughts, and set us free to love and serve this ordinary world in an extraordinary way.**

May these offerings be magnified and multiplied to bring love, justice, and compassion in our world. Amen!

~ Lori Van Santvoort-Jansekovich, Broadway U.C., Thunder Bay, Ont. (Adapted)

### **GOD SENDS US OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS**

**Closing Hymn VU 646 We are Marching (Siyahamba)** Congregation

**Commissioning and Benediction** Pastor Junior

**Sung Blessing VU 431 Sing Amen (Asithi: Amen)** Congregation

**Postlude Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen** Donna  
**(instrumental) Spiritual arr by Gilbert M. Martin** Hawkes