An Unbroken Chain of Witnesses—Transfiguration Sunday

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2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

This Sunday I preached without a manuscript. I reflected on what the author of Second Peter has to say about Peter and the first disciples being eyewitness. Really, this means we are all in an unbroken chain of witness—pastors, mothers, teachers and mentors who teach and share the joy of knowing and belonging to Christ—all the way back to Peter on the Transfiguration mount, where Jesus is shown to be God's messiah, and to the tomb where Mary encounters the Risen Christ.

It being February and Black History Month, I also shared my joy and thanksgiving for the witness and ministry of the Rev. Patricia Davenport, the bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA, the first Black woman bishop in the ELCA, someone whom I call a mentor, and the bishop who joyfully ordained me into this ministry of Word and Sacrament.