

*An Open & Affirming, A2A-Accessible to All
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

15 February 2026 – 10:30 AM

The Transfiguration

***indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.**

PRELUDE

Serenade

Franz Schubert/arr. Thomas Böhm

Vlada Moran, piano; Roger Bowers, flute

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*GATHERING SONG #742 1) in unison 2) repeated as a round

**Gathered here in the mystery of this hour,
Gathered here in one strong body,
Gathered here in the struggle and the power,
Spirit draw near.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Matt Broadbent, liturgist

One: The light of God is shining with love.

All: Rise in our hearts, Bright Morning Star.

One: God calls to us now, saying, "Be not afraid."

All: Give peace in our lives, O Promised One.

One: Come to the mountain and look upon God's glory.

All: Shine in our lives, Light of the World.

*HYMN 1 [hymn sheet]

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.

May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.

And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

*GREETING OF PEACE

WORD MADE PLAIN

children are invited to gather in front

Joline Wade Gatlin

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

May the peace of God surround you... **Like the trees towering in the forest!**

May the peace of God warm you all over... **Like the sun shining in the sky!**

May the peace of God rise and roll over you... **Like the waves rolling in the sea!**

May the peace of God fill you... **Like the wind stirring in your soul!**

May the peace of God surround you... [singing] **Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen...** [repeating]

Six days later*, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*Following Peter's confession in Caesaria Philippi: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

ANTHEM

"Be Not Afraid" from *Elijah*
CHANCEL CHOIR • Cheryl Anderson, director

Felix Mendelssohn

SERMON

Up On the Mountain

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE 584

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery,
Of what you were meant to do and be.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Invitation

Offertory Music

www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving
Climbin' Up the Mountain, Children



Larry Shackley

WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER

Derek Johnson

Tony Augimeri, moderator

*COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other:

to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;

to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;

to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;

to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;

to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;

for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life. Amen.

*HYMN 182 [hymn sheet]

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Kingsfold Trumpet

Alfred Fedak

The season of Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday**, February 18. Pastor Dave will be offering the sign of ashes and prayers of blessing 8-10am in the lower parking lot **and** 7-8pm in the sanctuary.


Wednesday evenings in Lent, February 25 through March 25, we'll gather in the sanctuary, 7:00 to 7:59pm, to pray for Courage and Healing, with music, scripture, guided meditation, and a chance to share. Along with these traditional elements, our gatherings will be informed by reading from *How We Learn to Be Brave*, by Mariann Edgar Budde, the Episcopal Bishop of Washington, D.C. (Avery/Penguin Random House, 2023.) Especially helpful for people of faith in these challenging times, the book is widely available in local bookstores and online, and you are encouraged to read it as a part of your Lenten spiritual journey.

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

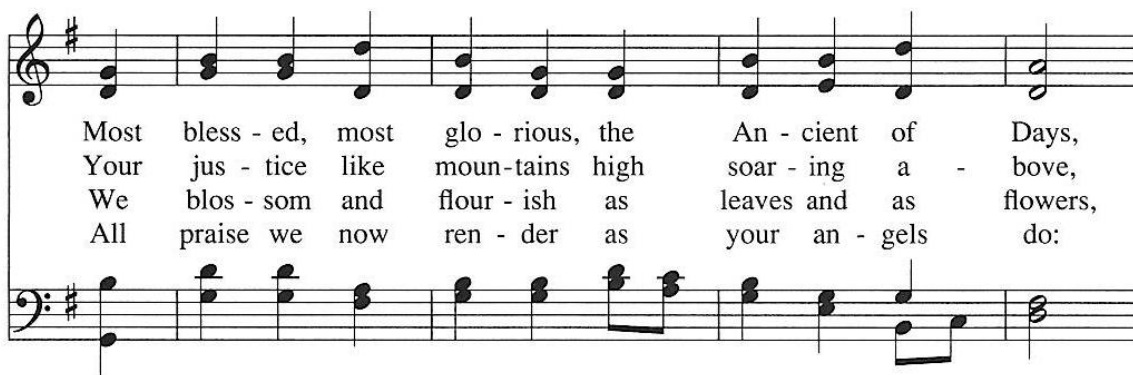
1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6



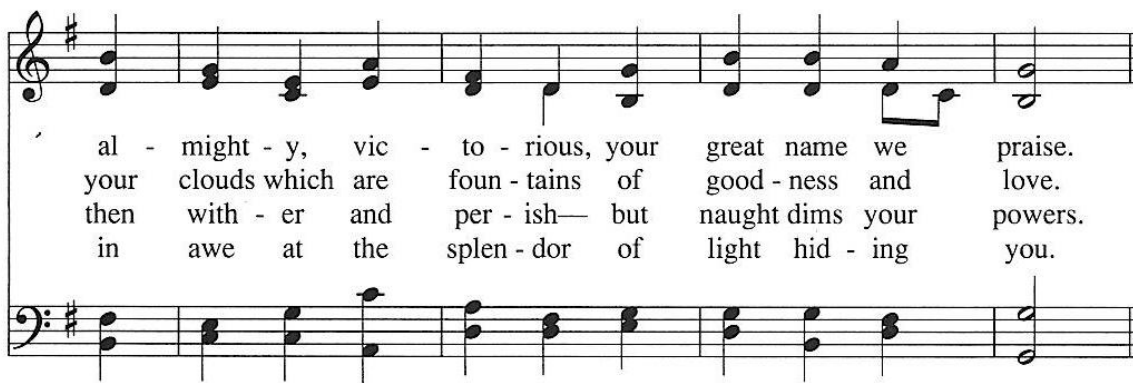
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.