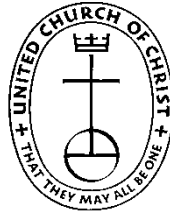


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10:00 AM

Transfiguration Sunday

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WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE

PRELUDE: “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing” Mark Hayes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come up to the mountain of God's presence.

Wait for God to reveal divine intentions for us.

**We are eyewitnesses to God's majesty.**

**We have sensed God's presence in stories of Jesus.**

Look up, and do not be afraid.

Jesus, whom you seek, is transfigured before you.

**We will joyfully bring our prayers, our hymns, and our thanksgiving to God. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Enter, Rejoice and Come In”

NCH #73/screen

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

This is an awesome place; we stand on holy ground.

**Forgive us, O God, when we take our worship and service for granted.**

This is an awesome place; we are inspired by a holy book.

**Forgive us, O God, when we ignore your word for us and our faith community.**

This is an awesome place, and we follow an awesome Christ.

**Forgive us, O God, when we resist Christ's call to compassion, to acceptance and to justice.**

\*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In your spirit, O God, the ordinary is transformed into the holy;  
in your spirit, O God, all that is unworthy is left in the past;  
in your spirit, O God, the future will be faced without fear.  
In God's spirit, peace and a new way will be yours.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**MESSAGE THROUGH MUSIC *Part 1* Instruments of Faith**

*Children may come to the front table for Sunday School, or they may remain with parents for the concert.*

**\*GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 17:1-9  
Pg. 1193, CEB

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*You are invited to pray each week for a specific family or individual from our Congregation, in addition to those on our prayer list. Today we lift up in prayer **Yvonne Weber**. Prayers for healing: **Alan Canterbury, Darleen Bax, Dennis Ford, Russ Hartmann, Ardella Morris, Larry Cates (Pat Bregen)**.*

**ORGAN RESPONSE**

**OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES**

**INVITATION:** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr Fred Bock

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** NCH # 780/ screen

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**MESSAGE THROUGH MUSIC *Part 2* Instruments of Faith**

**\*SENDING HYMN:** “Take My Gifts” NCH #562/screen

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE Instruments of Faith**

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\*Those who are able, please stand.

## **Our Church Workers for today:**

Our sincere thanks to the gentlemen of Instruments of Faith for sharing their faith and talents with us this morning. There is nothing sweeter than hearing the Word of God in music.

**Worship leader** – Nancy Eisenhauer

**Pianist** – Nancy Eisenhauer

**Ushers** – Wayne Schlosser, Melinda Stidham

### *Activities of the church:*

**Tuesday** – Boy Scouts in evening

**Wednesday** – Ash Wednesday services at 12:30 and 7:00 p.m. - a service of meditation and imposition of ashes. This service will also introduce our Lenten study of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm.

**Next Sunday** – Worship by council members and communion offered by the Rev. Janet Darmour-Paul.

This year's DuBois children's quilt, made by the ladies of St. John, Mascoutah, will be here. Raffle tickets will be sold.

**Welcome, visitors!** We are happy to have you in worship with us today. Please take one of the tri-fold pamphlets found in the pews for more information about us. Note the corrections in the pamphlet:

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