

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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**Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2026 ~ 9:30 a.m.**

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We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

The Lighting of the Altar Candles

9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: **Lord bless this new year, guide and come.**
 May there be peace for everyone.
 Lord, may your blessings fill our hearts
 and may we live our days with love.

Jocelyn Soriano

Call to Worship *from Exodus 24 and Matthew 17*

Climb the mountain of God.

We will watch and wait.

Wait for God's glory to shine like the sun.

Wait for Christ to reveal the heart of God.

Wait to gain courage for the terror of the night.

Wait for the Spirit to dispel the darkness.

Climb the mountain of God.

We will watch for things worth waiting for.

***Hymn # 480 “I Love to Tell the Story”**

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Opening Prayer *from Exodus 24 and Matthew 17 (in unison)*

Source of light and love, reveal to us your glory.
As you appeared to your servant Moses
in devouring fire on Mount Sinai,
appear to us now in power and might
during our time of worship.
As you revealed Christ's resplendent light
to his disciples on the mountaintop,
reveal your radiant light to us
during our fellowship together.
Transform us with your glory,
that our souls might shine your light
into a world shrouded in darkness. AMEN

***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. — Response: **And also with you.**

Choir Anthem – *How Will They Know*

Mark Patterson

Discipleship for All Ages

Hymn for All Ages # 112 “Holy Ground”

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now,
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Meditation “A Mountaintop Experience”

Rev. Biggar

Prayers of the People *As always on the Third Sunday of the month, you are invited to come forward to the candle stand, share a joy or a concern, light a candle, and place your candle in the sand tray. The congregation will remain in a spirit of prayer, and after each prayer request, we will take a moment of silence. When everyone who wishes to offer a prayer has done so, the Minister will say a brief Pastoral Prayer, followed by:*

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

Light of Light, even when our dreams grow dark,
you bless us with your radiance and your love.
Illumine the gifts we bring before you now,
that the world may see your light
in the shadows of our world.
Illumine our very lives,
that our souls may shine with Christ
and bring his hope wherever we go. Amen.

***Hymn # 595 “Be Thou My Vision”**

Words: Irish song(8th c.); tr. Mary E. Bryne, 1905: V. by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912. Alt.

Music: Traditional Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young, 1963

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I need not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***Responsive Benediction** *from Exodus 24, 2 Peter 1, Matthew 17*

Climb the mountain of God.

We will walk in the light and truth of God.

Do not fear the voice that calls from the heavens.

We will heed our call to follow Jesus.

Draw near to God's holy fire.

We will bathe in the warmth of our God.

Shine the light of Christ in the world.

We will be bold, for God goes with us.

Choral Response:

Mary (Mitzie) Collins

**Go forth into the world
Rejoicing in the power of the spirit
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God,
Thanks be to God, Amen! (repeat)**

Postlude

We Go Forth to Serve God and Our Neighbors

* Those who are able may stand.

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THIS WEEK*

Today - 10:30 am, Coffee Hour

Tuesday, February 17 – Tuesday Gals at 10am /5:30pm Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

Wednesday, February 18 –Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30 pm Choir at 6:30 pm

Thursday, February 19 – Discipleship at 1pm / Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

Saturday, February 21 – Men’s Club Breakfast at 7am at Toddy Brook

Sunday, February 22 – Choir at 8:30am

IN OUR PRAYERS*

Congregation & Community: Sheila Babcock, David and Michelle Bickford, Terri Bickford, Candy Burgess, Sandra and Vince Golonka, Steve Quentel, Lori Martin and Kaitlin Quentel, Holly and Charles Slonina, Susanellen Stearns.

Wider World: People recovering from natural disasters in the U.S. and around the world, Black Mountain Orphanage; Peace in Ukraine, Gaza, and elsewhere. Peace within ourselves, our families, our communities, and our world.

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