

February 11, 2018 TRANSFIGURATION

Transfiguration: *noun*

1. a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state:



UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 11, 2018

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM

God, help me pause today to see

the dazzling light of your glory.

*Being is the great explainer.  
- Henry David Thoreau*

**W e l c o m e**

in Christ's name to all who are visiting.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Please let us know you were here by filling out one of the guest cards provided by the ushers. We are blessed by having you here. May you also be blessed because you worshipped God with us.

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**GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER**

**Music for Quiet Reflection**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:**

**CALLING EACH OTHER TO WORSHIP**

One: Gathering in this sacred place we anticipate new wonders each week.

**All: Wherever two or three are gathered to worship, a holy spirit is present.**

One: Open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy waiting to be revealed, even this day, even in this place.

**All: We will want to linger and camp in this sanctuary but when we leave today may our hearts be open to all the wonders of God's beautiful world.**

**Opening Hymn:** "Fairest Lord Jesus" #97 Chalice hymnal

**Prayer of Centering Our Hearts, Minds, Spirits (In Unison As in One Voice)**

O Holy One, on mountaintops and valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love. Our hearts desire is to bask in the amazing glory of the divine presence. With each encounter we are changed and transformed. Draw us nearer that we might receive a double portion of your Holy Spirit. Help us, O Holy One, to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory. May we walk among our brothers and sister as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate. Our world is hurting and we need the followers of Jesus to follow more closely. Maybe then we will hear your voice speaking to us and saying ... "listen to my Child, the Beloved!" Amen.

**GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN**

**Anthem** "What Do You Do?" by David Clydesdale

**A Time for the Child In Us All**

(Children leave for Sunday School through the Fellowship Room afterwards)

**\*Fellowship Hymn:** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" #566 Chalice hymnal

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 50:1-6, Mark 9:2-9

L: God is still speaking to us through the Living Word.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Shhhhh.....It's a Secret"

**Anthem** "We Sing So All Can Hear The Story" by Besig & Price

**GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND**

**Responding in Prayer**

Sharing Celebrations & Concerns

Morning Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer** (using **debts** and **debtors**)

Response

**Responding through Giving**

Invitation to Giving and Receiving of Gifts

Offertory:

**Hymn of Praise:** "The Doxology"

**\*Dedication of Our Gifts, Time and Talents (In Unison)**

With these gifts we proclaim not ourselves but Jesus and commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life. May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other and the God who loves us all. Amen

**GOD'S PEOPLE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**\*Closing Hymn** "Holy Ground" #112 Chalice hymnal

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response**

**Organ Postlude:**

**\*Congregation:** Please rise in body or in spirit.