

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
"Where No One Is A Stranger"  
Transfiguration Sunday  
February 11, 2024

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## GREETINGS, GOOD NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JESUS ENCOUNTERS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

(read responsively)

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting

Many: God speaks to us and summons us.

One: God gathers us in covenant,

Many: God's glory shines forth.

*All: Let us worship God!*

### \*Opening Song:

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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### \*OPENING PRAYER

(prayed together)

Mighty God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and to the earth in covenant. And so we call to you: be present as we worship. Gather us, that we may hear your voice and respond to your ways of righteousness. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(prayed together)

The radiance of your grace is poured out in every moment, Shaper of mountaintops, but we dull its luster by living in the shadows. We indulge in fantasy games and watch shows which claim to be 'real,' but we have trouble simply sitting in your presence, in your healing silence. We can become so infatuated with your love for us, we overlook those who hunger for acceptance and hope.

Revealer of mystery, forgive us. In silence, may we hear your whispers of grace. In mercy, may we feel your forgiveness lifting the burden of guilt from us. In trust, may we go forth to serve your world, filling it with the light and love of the One who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

## A TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The promise is true--God's Light has come into the world, and into our lives. We are graced with glimpses of God's glory, even as we are filled with mercy and forgiveness.

Many: Here we find the peace and quiet we need; here we are set free from all that keeps us from serving; here we are given mercy and hope. Here we give thanks to our God. Amen.

## SHARING THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 2:1-12

### \*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(prayed together)

**Our hope is God, our holy Parent, who makes all things and from whom all blessings flow. God's faithfulness is the anchor of our hope.**

**Our trust is in Jesus, our Savior. More than a teacher, His life, death, and resurrection giving meaning to our existence. His faithfulness tethers us to holy mystery.**

**Our trust is in the Holy Spirit. Blowing over and through creation, unexpected and untamed, The Spirit stirs forgiveness, fruitfulness, and creates families. The Spirit's faithfulness ties together past, present, and future.**

**Holy Trinity, One God, we believe you transfigure our faith. Amen.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with-out end. A-men, A-men.

## FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-9

read from the *Good News Bible*

## MESSAGE:

"Obedient Disciples"

Pastor Chris

Prayers of The People/The Lord's Prayer (with debts/debtors)

## PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

### OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, take this offering of our hearts and our lives, that they may be instruments of your love and your mercy, your justice and your grace. Amen.

### \*Closing Song:

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

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\*Going Forth with the Peace of Christ

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Indicates all who are able please stand**

Other Lectionary Scripture Readings: Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6  
Racial Justice Sunday/Science and Technology Sunday

The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, were written by The Rev. Stephanie Perdew, PhD, Director, The Damascus Project, Shared Theological Education Ministry of the Wisconsin & Minnesota Conferences of the United Church of Christ from Worship Ways-Worship Resources for the United Church of Christ. The Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance are by Thom M. Shuman from Lectionary Liturgies. The Affirmation of Faith (adapted) is by Rev. Julia Seymour from Liturgylink. The Offering Prayer of Dedication (adapted) is by Kirsten Lindford from The Abingdon Worship Annual-2024, edited by May Scifres and B.J. Beu.

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Worship Leader:	Pastor Chris Burnett
Lector:	David Burrow
Organist:	Antonia Rupert
February Radio Sponsor:	David Burrow

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Birthdays: February-13-Bridget Schlievert; 17-Pat Beaver, Chancey Taylor

Sunday, February: 10:30am - Worship  
Sunday School  
Coffee

Tuesday, February 13: 9:30-11am.-Pastor at Feed Mill  
6:30pm – Food Pantry Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 14: 7pm.- Ash Wednesday Service

Friday, February 16: 9:15.-11:15am.- Algona Care Center worship services

Sunday, February 18: 10:30am – Worship  
Sunday School  
Coffee

The “Forever Faithful 29 Reflections on God’s Compassion in Black History” and the March, April, May issue of “Our Daily Bread” may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall entry.

Algona Blood Drive: Monday, February 12, 12:30-5:30pm at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church.

February, 13 from 4:30-7pmn. Algona Presbyterian Church will serve all you can eat Dad’s Belgian Waffles. \$9 in advance \$10 at the door, \$8 ages 6-12, 5 and younger free. Take out available.



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