



*Celebrating  
180 Years*



**February 15, 2026**

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Transfiguration Sunday

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*Presiding: Rev. Linda Butler*  
*Ministry of Music: Suzanne Flewelling*

**Prelude**

Swing Low Sweet Chariot – Traditional American Spiritual

Hush, Someone's Calling My Name – Traditional American Spiritual. *Autumn Tones Quartet*  
*accompanied by Morven McCorquodale.*

**Welcome & Announcements:**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

One: Let us light this candle to remind us of the light of Christ that is within and among us.

**All: Praise be to God, who spoke Light into the world,  
who sends Light to live among us,  
who brings us the Light of new dawns. Amen.**

**Call to Worship** (*based on psalm of the day, 99, from **Psalms for Praying***)

One: Awaken, O you People! Entrust your hearts to Love!

**All: For the Beloved reigns supreme; let all the earth give thanks!**

One: Let the leaders of the nations be silent, and guided by the Beloved's voice.

**All: The Beloved loves justice and establishes equity.**

One: Out of the silence, God's Word can be heard in the land,

**All: inviting the nations to live in peace.**

One: Listen, O you people! Open your hearts to the Beloved,  
that Truth may be born anew.

**Hymn: We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding      VU 104**

- 1      We have come at Christ's own bidding  
         to this high and holy place,  
         where we wait with hope and longing  
         for some token of God's grace.  
         Here we pray for new assurance  
         that our faith is not in vain,  
         searching like those first disciples  
         for a sign both clear and plain.
- 2      Light breaks in upon our darkness;  
         splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;  
         Moses and Elijah marvel  
         as the heavenly voice is heard.

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder  
how the Law and Prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,  
stands transfigured and complete.

- 3 Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,  
fearful lest our faith decline,  
we like Peter find it tempting  
to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage  
to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us  
people of the God we bless.

### Opening Prayer

#### Hymn: I've Got Peace like a River VU 577

- 1 I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
- 2 I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
- 3 I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

### Children's Time: God's Promises

#### Music Ministry: Hymn to Freedom – Oscar Peterson

#### Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-13 reader Patty Duncan

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I<sup>[a]</sup> will set up

three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved;<sup>[b]</sup> with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> 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.” <sup>10</sup> And the disciples asked him, “Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” <sup>11</sup> He replied, “Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things, <sup>12</sup> but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.” <sup>13</sup> Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

### **Sermon: It Sounded like a Good Idea**

#### **Hymn: Three Things I Promise      MV 176**

1.      Three things I promise, Holy God,  
         in age and youth, in life and death:  
         to bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
         and listen for the Spirit’s breath.
2.      Your love unfolded time and space,  
         and life, and all that life became,  
         and so, with thankful heart and voice,  
         through good and ill, I bless your Name.
3.      I follow, serve, and cling to Christ  
         amid our culture’s tides and trends,  
         for here your Name is most revealed:  
         Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.
4.      Enlivened as the Spirit moves  
         to cleanse, awaken, and renew,  
         I pray that justice, peace, and truth,  
         may seed and grow in all I do.
5.      If I should live when vigour fades,  
         and family and friends are gone,  
         three acts of loving faith remain  
         when days are slow, and work is done.
6.      Revive and guide me, Living God,  
         as day by day, until my death,  
         I bless your Name, and cling to Christ,  
         and listen for the Spirit’s breath.

### **Joys / Concerns**

- **Birthdays**

- Ron Anticknap celebrates on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>
- Sydney Parkin on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's prayer**

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

### **Offertory invitation**

#### **Offertory Song: Take, O Take Me as I Am    MV 85**

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me. (Repeat)

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Minute for Mission:** [https://youtu.be/FYUT\\_BaVTHU](https://youtu.be/FYUT_BaVTHU)

#### **Hymn: When Pain of the World                    VU 598**

- 1      When pain of the world surrounds us  
         with darkness and despair,  
when searching just confounds us  
         with false hopes everywhere,  
when lives are starved for meaning  
         and destiny is bare,  
we are called to follow Jesus  
         and let God's healing flow through us.
- 2      We see with fear and trembling  
         our aching world in need,  
confessing to each other  
         our wastefulness and greed.  
May we with steadfast caring  
         the hungry children feed.  
We are called to follow Jesus  
         and let God's justice flow through us.
- 3      The church is a holy vessel  
         the living waters fill  
to nourish all its people,  
         God's purpose to fulfill.

May we with humble courage  
be open to God's will.  
We are called to follow Jesus  
and let God's spirit flow through us.

4 We praise you for our journey  
and your abundant grace,  
your saving word that guided  
a struggling human race.  
O God, with all creation,  
your future we embrace.  
We are called to follow Jesus  
and let God's changes flow through us.

### **Benediction and Commissioning**

One: Let us be as bright, shining lights, walking on God's paths.

**All: Let us live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love.**

One: Let us go into the world

**All: transformed and renewed!**

One: And may the mercy of God uphold us, the compassion of Christ Jesus guide us,  
and the wisdom and strength of the Holy Spirit sustain us now and forevermore.

**All: Amen.**

### **Postlude**

**Welcomer:** Barb Gregory, John Cuming

**Counters:** Mary Lloyd, Chris Hopewell

### **Worship Schedule**

February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> in Lent (Communion)	Rev. Tom Watson
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Lent	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> in Lent (Annual Congregational Meeting)	Rev. Tom Watson
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> in Lent	Rev. Linda Butler

Council Meeting Mar 4. Please reach out to a Council member if there is a concern or question to be shared with Council.