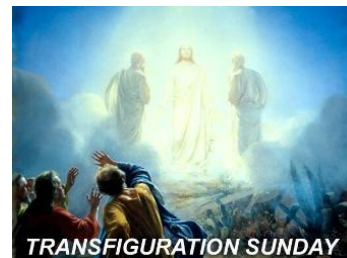


St. Vincent UCC Worship Service
Transfiguration Sunday – February 15, 2026
Pastor – Rev. Susan Hanson
Church Musician – Deb Rick



Musical Interlude
Ring of the Bell

Pastor's Welcome

Prelude Music

*** Call To Worship:**

Pastor: Jesus went up on the mountaintop so that heaven could show him a dazzling sight. Then, He became a dazzling sight himself.

People: We want to see what Jesus saw on that mountaintop and become dazzling too.

Pastor: Then, let us join our hearts and minds together in the Spirit of Christ as we now our voices together in saying our Affirmation of Faith ...

*** Affirmation of Faith:**

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating; who has come in Jesus the Word made flesh - to reconcile and make new. Who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church - to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Now, let us sing together our first hymn.

*** Hymn: # 182, "We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding"**

Let us Pause for a Time of Prayer

Call to Prayer:

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we will hear again about a mountaintop experience in which the disciples glimpsed the mystery and wonder of the light of Jesus. Their experience becomes our experience when we don't understand all that Jesus can do for us. Let us turn to God and ask him to help us better understand and thus, strengthen our faith. Pray with me, our prayer printed in the bulletin.

Unison Prayer:

Holy God, like the disciples on the mountaintop, we often find that when we are confronted with the mystery of Jesus, we aren't sure how to respond. Help us to reflect and wonder about the experience of that mystery and then help us to grasp how in the midst of reflecting and wondering, we might discover how to become closer to you. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance:

The light of God surrounds us and tells us to not be afraid – for God sent Jesus not to confound or confuse us – but to shed his light into even the darkest corners of our lives. Now, let's sing our response ...

Sung Response: # 2069, “All Hail King Jesus” (Praise Book)

All hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel. King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morning Star. And throughout eternity, I'll sing your praises - and I'll reign with you throughout eternity.

Scripture Reading:

Liturgist: Jen Kluge

Liturgist: We now turn our hearts and minds to the reading of God's Holy Scripture. Our lesson today comes from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 17, verses 1-9 where Jesus goes up into the mountains to become the dazzling light of heaven.

Let us pray: Be with us this day, O Holy One, and bless us as we hear your message in the midst of scripture – for we long to know you better and feel the light and love you bring into our lives. We pray, as always, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Read Matthew 17: 1-9 (found on page 18 of the NT in the Pew Bible)

One day, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, just the four of them by themselves. While they were there, Jesus became transfigured before them - his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Then, suddenly, two others appeared before them - Moses and Elijah – and they stood there peaking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, *“Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will make three dwellings here - one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”*

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, *“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”*

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, *“Get up and do not be afraid.”*

When they looked up, they saw that Jesus was alone once again. And as they were coming back down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, *“Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”*

Liturgist: Here ends the reading of God's Holy Scripture. May God bless us with understanding and may we show our understanding in the way we live our lives. Amen. Now, let's sing our hymn, # 183, “Jesus, Take Us To The Mountain’.

Hymn: # 183, “Jesus, Take Us To The Mountain”

Message: “Dazzling Light”

Sung Response: # 2108, “O How He Loves” (verse one)

O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me! He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you; O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering Invitation: Sometimes it feels like God is so powerful and mysterious that he is beyond our understanding. And yet, we see glimpses of his love for us in our lives. Let us be part of spreading that love to all through our morning offering.

Offertory / * Response: # 785, “We Give You”

We give you but your own - whate’er the gift may be; all that we have is yours alone – we give it gratefully.

*** Prayer of Dedication:** Holy One, we place now our offerings before you and ask you to increase them with your blessing. We dedicate them and our lives to your service, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*** Hymn: # 2173, “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

*** Benediction:** In today’s story, Jesus told his disciples to ‘not be afraid’ so that they could rise above their fear and see with the eyes of hope and trust. It helped them become more like Jesus and do his will. It can help us too. Let the light within you guide you in all things and sustain you along the way – so let that light shine for all the world to see. Amen.

*** Response: # 77, “Lord Dismiss Us” (verse 1)**

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing – fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each your love possessing triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us, oh refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

*** Postlude Music**