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February 15th, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude:

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **Join us on today for Chef Brad's Brunch, after worship — enjoy great food and extended fellowship.**
- **You're invited to a Fellowship Breakfast at the Dutch House on February 18th at 10 am. Everyone is welcome and no reservation is required.**
- **Feb. 18th, Ash Wednesday service 6 pm**
- **Feb. 25th, One Board meeting at 4:30 pm**

***Opening Prayer:**

Radiant God,

we come to You on the mountaintop to experience Your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet You in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of You encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect Your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to You. Amen.

***Opening Hymn: "O Church of God, United" 1,2,4 #547**

Call to Worship:

L: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

P: We come to encounter God's glory revealed.

L: We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

P: We come to witness God's glory revealed.

L: We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

P: We come to remember God's glory revealed.

L: We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

P: We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory:

***Doxology**

#95

***Prayer of Dedication**

Radiant God, You meet us in moments of mystery and transformation, calling us to listen, to follow, and to give ourselves in love. As we offer these gifts, we confess our impatience with waiting and our longing for clarity, even when You speak from the cloud. Let these offerings be more than habit; let them reflect the light of Christ we have glimpsed on the mountaintop and the hope we carry into the valleys below. Use them—and us—to shine Your love where shadows linger, until all Your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. In the name of Your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

**Hymn of Preparation: "Wonderful Merciful Savior" (all)
(see insert)**

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Gloria Patri

#70

Message: "Two Mountains, Two Revelations"

Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" 1,2,4,5 #341**

***Benediction**

***Sending: "God Be with You"**

***Postlude**

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Good morning, brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we gather in this sacred space, we come before the God who knows us completely. *“O Lord, You have searched me, and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar.”* - Psalm 139:1-2. He knows why you are here this morning. He knows the longings you carry, the questions you hold, and the quiet hopes you may not have spoken aloud.

Scripture reminds us, *“Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.”* - Psalm 37. Today, God gently invites us to go even deeper—to let Him become the very Desire of our hearts. Not just the One who answers our prayers, but the One our hearts were made to love above all else.

So come as you are. Come with openness. Come with expectation.

The God who knows you, loves you, and welcomes you is already here.

Let us worship Him together. Let's have Church ...

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before You this morning to praise and worship You together. You are an awesome God, faithful in every season, and You are the One who has carried us through each day. We are here because You placed within us the desire to draw close to You. And You have surrounded us with the love of this church family, stirring in us an even deeper longing for You.

If we pause for just a moment, we can see where You were with us this past week. You woke us each morning, giving us breath and a new day. You walked beside us in every step, helping us accomplish the things You planned—and even the things we didn't plan. You traveled with us to every destination and kept us from harm. Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, God.

We confess that we don't always recognize all that You have done for us. So now, Lord, open our eyes. Bring to mind at least one moment from this past week where Your hand was at work, and we missed it. Let gratitude rise within us as we remember.

Father, many among us are carrying burdens—struggles, illnesses, recoveries, and losses. We praise You that we never walk through these things alone.

We lift to You, Cory, and all of his family and friends. He is once again walking through a season of uncertainty, and the unknown can be frightening. Thank You for walking with him. Continue to surround Cory and his loved ones with the assurance of Your presence. Show him Your favor and allow Your healing to take place in his body as it aligns with Your will.

We bring before You Gaye and Shari as they walk through the valley of grief, mourning Gaye's sister Joan and Shari's brother David. We praise You for the lives of Joan and David, and for the memories that

remain. Wrap Your loving arms around Gaye, around Shari, and around all who carry heavy hearts. Let them feel the peace that only You can bring.

We thank You for the healing You have already given to Cora, Catlynn, Inez, and me. And we thank You for the healing still unfolding. Many are battling colds, respiratory infections, the flu, and other viruses. We don't always know where these things come from, but we do know where healing comes from. You are the Great Physician. We praise You for the healing received and for the healing yet to come. All glory and honor belong to You.

Lord, our world is filled with violence, destruction, abuse, accidents, disasters, and heartbreak. If we focus only on the news, discouragement can settle in. So, we thank You for moments that lift our eyes—like the snowfall across the globe and the Winter Olympics that have given the world a chance to pause, to marvel, and to sit shoulder to shoulder, cheering on athletes who have poured their lives into their craft. I believe many of these athletes have seen Your hand along their journey. And for those who have not yet recognized You, let them feel Your presence now in a mighty way—so that there is no doubt in their minds or their hearts.

May the peace that is found in You be found in us by all who cross our paths. Let Your light in us draw others to You, so that Your kingdom may grow.

It is in Jesus's name that we pray. Amen.