

# Grace Devotion

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Week of February 15, 2026

## The Transfiguration

**17** Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. **2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. **3** Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4** Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I[a] will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” **5** While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved;[b] with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” **8** And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

(Matthew 17:1-8 NRSVUE)



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Greetings and Well-Wishes,

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, is Transfiguration Sunday—an opportunity to be changed! We see in the Gospel, the trek that Jesus and his disciples took up the mountain. As they see Jesus transfigured before them, they see the ancient prophets and hear God’s voice speak to them—calling Jesus, God’s Son and the Beloved. Naming him.

The journey up a high mountain is arduous—it is taxing and it isn’t for the faint-of-heart. The journey up a mountain contains moments when you wonder if you are ever going to make it to the top. Yet, the climb is worth it, because something happens there that couldn’t happen anywhere else. The disciples see Jesus as he truly is—radiant with God’s glory and claimed by

God's love. For a moment, it seems that heaven and earth have touched, and nothing ever looks the same again.

It is no wonder that the disciples want to stay in that moment—in the light, in the space where God feels so close. But, my friends, the story doesn't end here on the mountain top. God does not call them to build there. God calls for them to listen. Listening, as the disciples find out, means following Jesus back down the mountain and back to everyday life. Back to a life that is filled with people searching for healing, justice, and love.

Transfiguration Sunday reminds us that God does not show us glory to help us escape from the realities around it. God's glory helps us prepare to re-enter the world as changed people. We are each given moments of clarity, that we can carry into our lives. We have just enough light to take with us in those ordinary moments, in difficult conversations, and in choices we make in faith.

May this week be a holy climb for each of you. When the path feels steep or uncertain, I pray that you listen for God's voice, feel Christ's steadying presence, and trust that even after the mountaintop, God is still at work in each of us—transforming us one step at a time.

**Prayer:**

God of Love, You have called us all to the mountaintop to be changed. For some, it is a difficult climb. For others, they are still climbing. For others, they have been to the mountaintop and can see Your glory more clearly. Be with each of us on our journey. Help us to see Jesus in our lives and be changed. Let us take this light out into the world, that we can reflect Your love to all we meet. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

February 15, 2026  
Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome/Announcements  
Westminster Chimes and Prelude

\*\* Call to Worship

Lector: Come with us to the mountain. Come carrying your questions, your weariness, and your hope, because God is calling.

**Congregation: We come, just as we are.**

Lector: In cloud and in glory, God met Moses long ago.

**Congregation: God still meets us here today.**

Lector: Jesus leads his disciples to the mountain, and they see Jesus in a new way.

**Congregation: God, open our eyes.**

Lector: From the cloud, a voice says, "This in my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.

**Congregation: We are listening today.**

Lector: Do not be afraid, God's light is for us.

\*\* Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)

**God of Mercy, meet us here, in this moment. Open our eyes to see Christ in our midst. Open our ears to listen and open our hearts to be changed. Amen**

\*\* Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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\*\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

\*\*+"Your Grace Is Enough"

#2

Joys and Concerns  
Praying for Others  
Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Our Gifts

\*\* Offertory Response: "Doxology"

\*\* Prayer of Dedication

#625

\*\*New Creed (*responsive*)

° Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible"

#25

Scripture Readings:

**Exodus 24:12-18**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: "Come Up, and Listen"

\*\*+"And All the People Said Amen"

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\*\* Final Blessing

\*\* "A Choral Benediction"

Postlude

\*\* Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder

° Blue hymnal



## Announcements

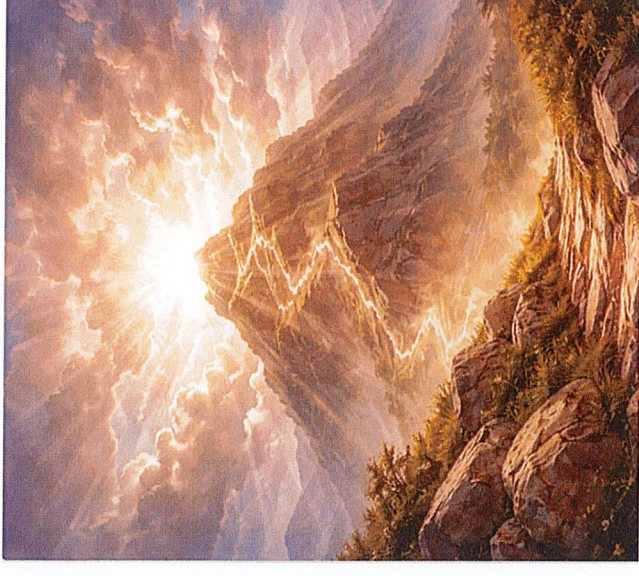
- The church will be open on Wednesdays from 11am-12pm if you would like to stop by for a quiet opportunity for prayer or stillness in the sanctuary. Pastor Amy will be available for a word of prayer or just someone to sit with in the silence.
- Join us for Ash Wednesday services on February 18<sup>th</sup> at noon and 7pm here at Grace UCC

## Upcoming Events

- Ash Wednesday Services – February 18<sup>th</sup> @ noon & 7:00 PM
- PAL – Grace UCC – February 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 AM
- Women's Ministry – February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM – **In Person**

## Upcoming Meetings

- Staff Meeting – February 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 PM
- Worship & Music – February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:45 PM
- Faith Formation – February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00 PM



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**Thank you for today's Worship Leaders:**

Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector - Leonard Bankert

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Anita Kincaid & Joleen Fennell



# EXODUS

24:1-18

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# JESUS TRANSFIGURED

Discover the hidden words.

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## Word Bank

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