



# Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Liturgist: Katie Higham and Cadence Ickes

*"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*

## WELCOME

*The chimes call us to a time of worship*

## Greeting

Liturgist

## Prelude

*"Jesus Loves Me"* - Bradbury/Payne

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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## Introit

Leader:

Our help is in the name of the Holy One,

**Congregation:**

**who made heaven and earth.**

Leader:

As we have gathered here to worship,  
let us stand and greet one another in the  
love of Christ.

(Please stand.)

# \* Gathering Song

*"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"*

## Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

73

Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C      FM7      C      C7      FM7      Dm7      G7      C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in.      En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

To - day will be a joy - ful day;      en-ter, re-joice, and come in.

# \*Call to Worship

Liturgist

One: We gather in the presence of an Extravagant God—

All: **who spreads out the lushness of the cosmos, and blessed our becoming.**

One: We gather today changed by moments of Awe—

All: **the wonder we witness calls us to the work of mutuality,**

One: for we are siblings on our beautiful, heartbroken planet home.

All: **Let us praise the God of Transformation**

# \*Opening Hymn

*"Sing of God Made Manifest" vs. 1-2 # 247*

(words and music on the following page)

## 247 Sing of God Made Manifest

D Bm <sup>D</sup><sub>F#</sub> G Asus A7 D      <sup>A7</sup><sub>E</sub> <sup>D</sup><sub>F#</sub> Em7 A D

1 Sing of God made man-i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,  
 2 Sing of God made man-i - fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,  
 3 Sing of God made man-i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest  
 4 Sing of God made man-i - fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,

D Bm <sup>D</sup><sub>F#</sub> G Asus A7 D      <sup>A7</sup><sub>E</sub> <sup>D</sup><sub>F#</sub> Em7 A D

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,  
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."  
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:

A D F#m <sup>Bm7</sup><sub>D</sub> E7 A Em Bm F#sus F#7 Bm

Ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro-found:  
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—  
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,  
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

D G A Bm7 <sup>E7</sup><sub>B</sub> A G D Em <sup>D</sup><sub>F#</sub> <sup>Em7</sup><sub>G</sub> A D

myrrh and frank-in - cense and gold grave and God and King fore - told.  
 hailed the true A - noint-ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.  
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

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 MUSIC: Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)  
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7.7.7.7.D.

# \*Opening Prayer

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Wonderful Mystery, ground our bodies in the present moment, that we might experience your Love in ordinary and extraordinary ways. We desire not to be cynics, but to nurture the sense of wonder that was innate to us when we were children. Soothe that within us that desires numbing-out and awaken our senses to the miracle of being alive. Amen.

## Anthem

*“Ever in Joyful Song”* - Berry

Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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## A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

### Children's Message

Wendy Brown

## WE LIFT OUR PRAISE & PRAYER TO GOD

**Naming our Prayers before God**

**Moments of Silent Prayer**

**Intercessory Prayer w/ Lord's Prayer (using debts/debtors)**

# HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY

## Scripture Lessons

### First Lesson: Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations conspire,  
and the peoples plot in vain?  
<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and his anointed, saying,  
<sup>3</sup> 'Let us burst their bonds asunder,  
and cast their cords from us.'  
<sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the LORD has them in derision.  
<sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,  
<sup>6</sup> 'I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.'  
<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree of the LORD:  
He said to me, 'You are my son;  
today I have begotten you.  
<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.  
<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron,  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'  
<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear,  
with trembling <sup>12</sup>kiss his feet,  
or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way;  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Happy are all who take refuge in him.

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Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

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# \*Hymn of Preparation

*"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"* #245  
(words and music on the following page)

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup> 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 dazzling white. <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 will make three dwellings 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 from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; 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 looked up, 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.'

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## Sermon

*"Gifts That Keep on Giving: The Gift of the Unpredictable Jesus"*  
- Rev. Daniel Doty

## 245 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

*Unison*

F                    B<sub>b</sub>                    F    Fmaj7            B<sub>b</sub>maj7    C7            F                    B<sub>b</sub>

F                    C7                    F                    B<sub>b</sub>                    F    Fmaj7            B<sub>b</sub>maj7    C7            F

B<sub>b</sub>                    Gm                    F                    C7                    F                    C                    Dm                    F                    C

Am7                    Dm7                    Gm                    F                    Bdim7    C                    F                    B<sub>b</sub>                    F

F                    Fmaj7                    B<sub>b</sub>maj7            C7                    F7                    B<sub>b</sub>                    Gm7                    F                    C7                    F

# THE OFFERING

## Invitation to the Offering

GIVE ONLINE HERE



## Offertory

*“Offertory”* - John Ness Beck/Thewes

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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(Please stand.)

## \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Bless our offerings—that rain might fall where it is needed. That all might not simply survive, but bloom into a garden abounding in beauty and love. Reside within us, Holy Spirit, that wisdom and courage might guide us towards transformation. Amen.

# WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

## \*Closing Hymn

*“Sing of God Made Manifest”* vs. 3-4 # 247  
(words and music on page 3)

## \*Benediction

## \*Congregation Response

**“Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you, each hour of every day.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.”**

Go Now in Peace—Besig, © Harold Flammer Music, A division of Shawnee Press, Inc.

## Postlude

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”*

- Joseph Haydn/Wold

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Tech Team: Vince Scovern, Diana Fiocca, Anne Pertick

Liturgists: Katie Higham and Cadence Ickes

Ushers: Larry Robinson, Jane Charles, Sandy Haydu, Gary Myers

Greeter: Becky Michael

Today's Altar Flowers are provided by: The Drummonds

“Happy Valentine’s Day!”

# UPCOMING EVENTS



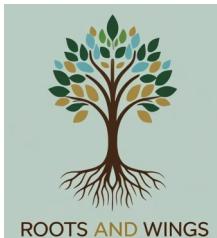
## WINTER BOOK STUDY | WEDNESDAYS, 12PM, BEGINNING, JAN. 14

The Winter 2026 FCC Book Study will be a study of the book "Second Thoughts about Hell: Understanding What We Believe" by Ronald Allen and Robert Cornwall. Bring a lunch and bring a friend!



## WINTER BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAYS, 1PM, BEGINNING, JAN. 14

The Winter 2026 Bible Study will continue its study of the Christian Scriptures in chronological order. The study will commence on Wednesday, January 14, and begin with 2 Corinthians. We will then go to James and finish with Colossians. See you there!



## ROOTS AND WINGS | SUNDAY, FEB. 15, 4 PM

Roots and Wings is a fellowship group for grandparents and grandchildren to grow in faith and friendship together. This month's activity is a service project.



## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE | WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18, 7 PM

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18th. Begin your Lenten journey with your FCC Family at this special service, including the imposition of ashes.



## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MARCH LUNCH—PIZZA AND BUNCO

### THURSDAY, MAR. 5, 12 PM

All women are invited to join us on the first Thursday in March, March 5th, at 12 PM in the fellowship hall for a pizza lunch and Bunco. Please bring a \$5 donation per person to help defray the cost of the pizza. Never played Bunco before? No worries—you'll pick it up fast and have a blast! **Sign up in the atrium** before or after church on Sundays: **2/15, 2/22, and 3/1**.

Rev. Daniel J. Doty, *Senior Minister*  
Nancy Lynn Robinson, *Choir Director/Organist*  
Wendy Brown, *Director of Family Ministries*

**IN PERSON | PARKING LOT | ONLINE WORSHIP**  
SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 am—3:00 pm  
Fridays—9:00 am—12:00 pm

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## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2026

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It connects you to disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development efforts around the globe. When disasters strike, or when individuals are displaced due to violence or poverty, OGHS ensures immediate response and ongoing recovery.

Through your support, OGHS funds comprehensive development programs in areas such as healthcare, education, agriculture, food security, microfinancing, and women's empowerment. By partnering with Global Ministries and international response networks, OGHS maximizes its impact. Your contributions help meet urgent needs while addressing the root causes of vulnerability, ensuring long-term, sustainable solutions for affected communities. We will target our Collection for March 15, 2026.



One Great  
**Hour**  
OF SHARING

## THE PRAYER CHAIN CONNECTION

We pray for the names listed below and also for many other church members and their concerns, which remain confidential. You may call or text Diana Caldwell with your prayer concerns @ 330-265-5723. *Bless be God who did not refuse me the kindness I sought in prayer. Psalm*

<i>Brad Ashley</i>	<i>Debbie Fickes</i>	<i>Donna Phillips</i>
<i>Noreen Ashley</i>	<i>Karen Ford</i>	<i>LTJG John Norton</i>
<i>Tim Ashley</i>	<i>Darrell Goodson</i>	<i>Heather Read</i>
<i>The Becking Family</i>	<i>Eleanor Hall</i>	<i>Richard Reynolds</i>
<i>Katie Ann Bickett</i>	<i>Alleen Hilbush</i>	<i>Alice Sheeler</i>
<i>Margarete Boschert</i>	<i>Jim Jackson</i>	<i>Eddie Showalter</i>
<i>Jim Brown</i>	<i>John James</i>	<i>Lt. Maxwell Spear</i>
<i>Patti Calvarese</i>	<i>Nancy Johnson</i>	<i>Richard &amp; Karen Thomason</i>
<i>Sue Canavan</i>	<i>Anita Kelly-Lahrmer</i>	<i>Kim and Noel Walters</i>
<i>Jim Caplinger</i>	<i>Zell Lambert</i>	<i>Ensign 2 Kaitlyn Wetter</i>
<i>Mark Clark</i>	<i>Roberta Lewis</i>	<i>Don Woerz</i>
<i>Patty Conely</i>	<i>Bob McPherson</i>	<i>Alzheimer's Care Giver Support</i>
<i>Rylin Davis and family</i>	<i>Gary Miller</i>	<i>Group</i>
<i>Barb Dolensky</i>	<i>Ron Mitchell</i>	
<i>Sean and Sara Doty</i>	<i>Bob Poff</i>	
<i>Elaine Engle</i>	<i>David and Jackie Parker</i>	

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