



He was transfigured before them ...  
and his clothes became dazzling white ...

Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

**United Church of Christ  
Norwich, New York**



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
Norwich, New York 13815**



**An Open and Affirming Church**

**February 11 2024 10:00 a.m**  
**Transfiguration Sunday - Racial Justice Sunday**

*PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING***

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: From the rising of the sun to its setting

**ALL: God speaks to us and summons us.**

ONE: God gathers us in covenant,

**ALL: God's glory shines forth. Let us worship God!**

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Mighty God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and to the earth in covenant. And so we call to you: be present as we worship. Gather us, that we may hear your voice and respond to your ways of righteousness. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

**Large Print Bulletins are available from the ushers.**

Bulletin Notes:

**Call to Worship, Prayer for Transformation and New Life & Benediction** from *Worship Ways* <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/transfiguration-sunday-b-february-11/>

**Pastoral Prayer** from *Life in Liturgy by Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in WV* <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/>

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**\*OPENING HYMN**

*We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*  
(Tune: HYFRYDOL)

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**TIME OF SHARING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 50:1-6

ONE: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**ALL: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

ONE: Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.

**ALL: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

ONE: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**ALL: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. *Selah***

**ANTHEM** *I Want To Walk As a Child of the Light*

by Kathleen Thomerson

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Michael Moren

**BLESSING OF PEACE**

ONE: May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**SUNG RESPONSE** *Peace*

by Judy A. Rose

Peace be the song that we will sing.

Peace be the joy, our spirits ring.

Peace be the love that sets us free,  
peace for all, peace for you and me.

Peace, peace, peace, peace.

Peace live in you in all you do.

Peace, peace, peace, peace.

Peace live in you in all you do.

*Children in grades 3-8 are invited upstairs for Sunday School at this time.*

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**DISCIPLESHIP PLEDGE** (and Offertory Prayer)

ONE: We love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

**ALL: We pledge our whole selves to God.**

ONE: We love our neighbors as ourselves.

**ALL: We pledge to do justice as Christ's ambassadors of reconciliation.**

ONE: We love one another as Jesus loves us.

**ALL: We pledge to be and become Christ's Beloved Community in our life together.**

ONE: We make disciples by teaching and modeling how to follow Jesus' Way of Love.

**ALL: We pledge to be Jesus' disciples sharing Jesus' Way of Love in the way we live our lives and practice our faith.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Mighty God, you live, and you do not leave us. With these gifts, we do not leave each other, but use them in mutual support. Bless those who receive and benefit from these gifts. May they know your presence with them. With these gifts, our prayers rise up to you. Amen.**

*Offering plates are located at both Nave doors for your convenience.  
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***WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD***

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 9:2-9

Pew Bible NT p. 45

\* **HYMN** *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain* (v. 1-3) insert  
(Tune: IRBY)

**REFLECTION**

Pete Williams

*Communication: Can You Hear Me Now?*

**INTERLUDE**

***RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***

**AFFIRMING OUR FAITH**

*United Church of Christ Statement of Faith*

ONE: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,

**ALL: God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:**

ONE: You call the worlds into being,  
**ALL: create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

ONE: You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.  
**ALL: You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.**

ONE: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot,  
**ALL: conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.**

ONE: You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,  
**ALL: creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

ONE: You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others,  
**ALL: to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.**

ONE: You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
**ALL: courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

ONE: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.  
**ALL: Amen.**

### ***A TIME OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION***

#### **PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE**

ONE: God invites us to come to worship as our whole selves. God offers us a new beginning day by day and week by week. Trusting in God, we pray for transformation and new life:

**ALL: Mighty God, you call to us and summon us to live in covenant and walk in righteousness, yet we forsake your covenant and walk in ways of injustice, ignorance, or disdain. Your beauty shines forth in creation, yet we abuse and tarnish what you have created. May we be willing to do the hard thing: may we see what is happening. May we see what we do. Renew us. Let us receive a double portion of your renewing spirit. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF GRACE**

**ONE:** God's glory shines forth, and God judges with grace and with mercy. God gives us renewed life and our spirits rise.

**ALL:** Alleluia! Amen!

## **SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## ***COMMISSION AND BLESSING***

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Jesus, the Light of the World* #160  
(Tune: ELDERKIN)

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NURSERY IS AVAILABLE** for children up to age 5, upstairs at the front of the church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children in grades 3 - 8 takes place upstairs after the Children's Moment.

**FREE 2B ME YOUTH GROUP** Saturdays, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. For youth in grades 5 -12.

**LAY LEADERS NEEDED** - During this time when we are without a member of clergy to lead a service, we are relying on lay leadership from the congregation. We are in need of folks who are willing to lead the worship service in pairs. We need one more person for each of the remaining weeks in February, and two each week in March. And if you feel called to offer a message in the form of a mini sermon, please contact the church office.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are available from the church office or website. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 30.**

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE Supper, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> serving 4:30 – 6:30.** Supper will include our signature pancakes, sausage, applesauce, homemade maple syrup and beverages. We will also feature live musical entertainment! All proceeds from a free will offering will support our new Fellowship Hall lift. We hope you can join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!  
--Your friends at Christ Lutheran Church (94 N Broad St.)

**COMMUNITY ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** - Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 94 N Broad St. All are welcome. Livestreaming is available.

**NO CHOIR REHEARSAL** this week due to the Ash Wednesday service.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN STUDY** of the book *Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple*, Tuesdays Feb 13 - Mar 26. Lite Lunch 11:30 a.m., Study 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. at Broad St. United Methodist Church.

**PLEASE DON'T TAKE ANY RISKS** to get to church on a Sunday morning if the weather is bad, especially since you can tune in to the livestream. If we cancel church all together, we will send an email to our weekly worship information list, post on Facebook and Instagram, and also announce it with message on the church phone (607-334-3434).

## **CALENDAR**

*The Chenango Muslim Community meets upstairs daily at 9:30pm & Fridays at 1:30pm*

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - Transfiguration Sunday**

#### **Racial Justice Sunday**

9:00am Nursery, upstairs  
10:00am Worship, Nave  
Sunday School grades 3 - 8  
11:00am Fellowship coffee hour, Founders Rm.  
11:30am Handbell Choir Rehearsal, upstairs

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

9:00am AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Rm./Kitchen  
10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom  
3:00pm Tai Chi, Mayflower Rm.  
6:00pm Music Committee, Mayflower Room

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - Shrove Tuesday**

11:30am Community Lenten Study with lunch at Broad St. UMC (see announcements)  
1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen  
4:30pm Pancake Supper at Christ Lutheran (see announcements)  
5:00pm Chenango Pride Alliance Board Mtg., Founders Rm.

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - Ash Wednesday**

9:00am AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Room/Kitchen

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

7:00pm Community Ash Wednesday Service, Christ Lutheran Church (see announcements)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

9:00am AARP Tax Preparation, Founders Room/Kitchen

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

1:00pm LGBTQ+ Support Group at Guernsey Library

4:00pm Youth Group, upstairs

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - First Sunday in Lent**

9:00am Nursery, upstairs

10:00am Worship, Nave  
Sunday School grades 3 - 8

11:00am Fellowship coffee hour, Founders Rm.

**TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS:**

**Liturgists:** Ed Tucker

**Director of Music Ministries:** Mary Williams

**Organist:** David Burch

**Director of Children and Youth Ministries:** Ericka Tyler

**Children's Moment:** Michael Moren

**Live Stream:** Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough, Liam Hunter

**Sunday Sexton:** Mya Yantz

**Nursery:** Fiora Breese

**Coffee Hour:** Pat Burke

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**PARISH COORDINATOR:** Cheri Oakley

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANT:** Jennifer Mallozzi

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.)

