

Kindred Spirits Worship
Transfiguration Sunday – Last Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 15, 2026

PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND TREATIES

One:

Called to live with respect in Creation
as Indigenous, Métis, Settler, and Newcomer peoples,
we acknowledge that the land on which we worship, work, learn, and serve,
and the water which sustains life on this land,
is of God, Creator,
and in the farthest reaches of memory
was entrusted to the original peoples who walked this land,
and to their descendants.

One:

With the coming of colonizers,
treaties were made,
but again and again the treaties were broken,
causing deep and lasting harm
to the historic caregivers of the land,
to the generations that followed them,
and to the land itself.

All:

**Called to action for Truth and Reconciliation,
we who gather here on Treaty One territory
and the homeland of the Red River Metis
commit ourselves to faithful ways
of honoring the treaties, the land, and one another
in a spirit of open-hearted respect.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING STATEMENT

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather to encounter the glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ. On the mountain, the disciples glimpsed Christ's divine light and were called to listen deeply to God's beloved Son. Today, we, too, are invited to open our hearts, to be transformed by God's presence, and to carry Christ's light into the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

All: We come to worship, to listen, and to be transformed.

One: God calls us from the ordinary into holy encounter.

All: We open our hearts to God's radiant presence.

One: Come, let us worship God together.

All: We worship God with wonder, gratitude, and joy.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy and gracious God, on the mountaintop you revealed your glory in Jesus Christ. As we gather in worship, open our eyes to your presence, our ears to your voice, and our hearts to your transforming love. Renew us in faith, strengthen us for service, and send us out as bearers of your light in the world. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN: VU#264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Moment to Ponder

The Transfiguration was not Jesus changing into something else. It was God showing the disciples who Jesus truly is — the Son of God, full of divine glory. God took time to clearly reveal Jesus' true identity to them before he went to the cross. This was so they would keep believing in him when hard times and challenges came. A voice from heaven spoke and said, "This is my Son," to clearly confirm that Jesus truly is the Son of God.

In the same way, our relationship with God does not protect us from life's challenges. Being a child of God does not mean life will always be easy. But just as Jesus rose again and came back stronger after the cross, we are also promised victory. No matter what we face, God is with us, gives us strength, and helps us overcome. In Christ, we have hope, new life, and victory over every challenge.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 24:12–18

Matthew 17:1–9

CHOIR ANTHEM “How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

REFLECTION

HYMN: VU#104 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

OFFERING INVITATION

God's grace shines upon us, blessing our lives beyond measure. In gratitude, let us offer our gifts and ourselves for God's work of love, justice, and compassion in the world.

DOXOLOGY: VU#541 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, receive these gifts and our thankful hearts. May they reflect your glory and bring hope, healing, and transformation to those in need. Bless all that we offer, that your light may shine through us. Amen.

CENTERING MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, we lift before you the needs of the world, longing for peace, justice, and healing. Where there is fear, bring courage. Where there is despair, bring hope. Where there is division, bring reconciliation.

We pray for our community, for those who are lonely, grieving, ill, or struggling. Surround them with your compassion and strength.

We pray for this congregation, that we may be faithful disciples, listening to your voice and following Christ's way of love.

We lift before you those we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts...
(Silence)

Into your loving care, we place all these prayers, trusting in your mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

HYMN: MV#171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours

COMMISSIONING

Go now, shining with the light of Christ. Listen for God's voice, walk in love, and serve with compassion. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and always. Amen.

CHORAL BLESSING: VU#964 Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

**May the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.**

POSTLUDE