

Service of the Word and Sacrament

Transfiguration Sunday and Reception of New Members

February 11, 2018

Welcome! It's a joy to worship with you today. Larger print bulletins & personal hearing amplifiers are available in the Narthex (Main Street entry).

Caring volunteers and paid staff tend our nursery/childcare rooms during worship. Little ones are welcome there any time. **Today, children will begin in Sunday School at 10:00 am and return to join in celebrating Communion.**

Prelude *Praeambulum* by Johann Ludwig Krebs Catherine York, Organist

Welcome The Rev. Jill H. Small

Introit

Call to Worship (responsive) John Puffer, Pulpit Assistant

One: Welcome, Beloved Community!

All: Welcome, sisters and brothers, neighbors and newcomers.

One: Together, may we discover God Still-speaking.

All: Together, may we discover the power of transforming love.

One: Let's pray together.

All: Creating and sustaining God, be present among us now as ever. Open our eyes to see you, our ears to hear you, our hearts to love you, and our minds to discover you. Hear our prayer, O Holy One. Amen.

* **Opening Hymn** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In* #73 NCH
(*Standing in body or in spirit)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Church Family Prays

The Prayer of Jesus/Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy reign/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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the reign/kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Texts for the Day

Christian Scripture

Mark 9:2-9

Sermon

"Discover How We Glow and Grow"

Invitation to Offering *Gifts of time, talent, and treasure make possible the mission and ministry we share. You're welcome to use a pew card to note online giving and gifts of service. Thank you.*

Offertory

* **Doxology** (#780 NCH)

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Eternal God, accept the gifts we bring. May all that we offer help to bring peace and justice, healing and wholeness, to the world. Hear our prayer, in the name of the Christ at whose table we feast. Amen.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Covenanting in Membership

Invitation to the candidates: Jane Gallant, Lissa Merrill, Sandy Michaud, Steve Michaud, Diane Mix, John Moore, Deborah Rentz-Moore, Karen Williams

All: We covenant with one another to seek and respond to the Word and the Will of God. It is our purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the true mission of the Church to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshiping God, and striving for truth, justice and peace. As did our forebears, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the kingdom of God and we look with faith toward triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

Covenant of the Congregational Church of Durham, United Church of Christ

We welcome you with joy into the life of this congregation. We promise our friendship and prayers as we share the cost and joy of discipleship.

Pastor: In the name and spirit of Jesus the Christ, and on behalf of the Community Church of Durham, United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian love. Go in Peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

* **Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#345 NCH

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

There is a place for you at this table; you are welcome here.

Invitation

One: The whole of creation is God's gift to us.

All: We are called to care for all that God created: lands, seas, skies, and creatures.

One: We are the whole people of God: remembered, renewed, redeemed.

All: May we be at peace with one another.

The Greeting of Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks & praise.

One: Blessed are you Holy God, with all who know you and all who love you, we join the endless refrain:

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe sings your glory, God Most High. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God: hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution & Consecration of the Elements

Sharing of the Bread & the Cup by Intinction (Bread is gluten free; the cup contains grape juice.

All are welcome to come forward to receive the sacrament. Dip the bread into the cup, eat, and return to your seat.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

One: Let us give thanks to God in union with the faithful everywhere.

ALL: We thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of the living Christ; for gladness in this bread and cup; for love that cannot die; for peace that the world cannot give nor take away; for the glory of creation; and for the mission of justice that we can make our own. Fill us with the gifts of this sacrament: oneness of heart, love and forgiveness offered and accepted, the will to serve and the willingness to grow. In your holy name we pray: Amen.

* Closing Hymn

God of Change and Glory

#177 NCH

Benediction

Choral Response

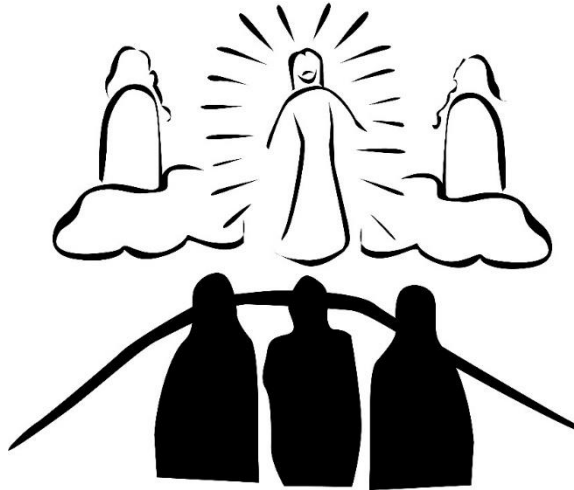
Postlude

Allegro in E Minor by Johann Nikolaus Tischer

*As our worship together ends, our true service begins.
May you be blessed this week and may you be a blessing to others.*

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An open and affirming congregation where all are welcome.



Transfiguration

Noun: a complete change of form or appearance into a more beautiful or spiritual state.

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