



Sunset United Church



February 23, 2020 -

Transfiguration Sunday

Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard

Children & Youth Minister:

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WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: MV62 There is Room for All

Christ Candle

We light this candle

To remind us of the presence of Christ.

**The light from this one candle
shines for each of us.**

We light this candle

To remind us of the love of Christ.

**The light from this one candle
shines equally for the world.**

Call to Worship

From the coldest nights of winter

To the first welcome notes of spring

We come to be transformed!

Just as Jesus changed and grew throughout his life,

We come to be transformed!

As we prepare to turn away from all those things

That would turn us from the path

To the kin-dom of God,

We come to be transformed!

Then let us sing together with all of creation,

We come to be transformed!

Opening Prayer

God touches the world,

And the world changes.

God touches us,

And we are transformed.

In the brightness of day,

In the deepest part of night,

On mountain,

In valley,

Everywhere.

In this time, together,

We invite you, O God,

To open our hearts

To the transformation of our lives,

And of the world.

And through the change -

Let us know your presence with us.

We worship, O God! Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn: VU#415 God, We Praise You for the Morning

Prayer Seeking Reconciliation:

We gather here this morning,
Hoping to catch a glimpse
Of the transfigured Jesus
That the disciples witnessed
Long ago on the mountaintop,
An experience that changed them forever.
And yet, we tremble,
Fearing that this experience
Will be more than we can bear.
We pray to you, the Transfigured One,
That as we sing, pray,
And proclaim the word of God,
We will be transformed by your love,
A love that casts out all fear.

- *Silent reflection* -

Words of Assurance

Sung Response: MV#85 Take, O Take Me as I am

Passing the Peace

WE LISTEN

Anthem: Promised Land

Sharing the Story

Hymn: VU#646 We are Marching

Scripture: Exodus 24: 12-18

Matthew 17: 1-9

Reflection

Hymn: Common Praise #460 Shine, Jesus, Shine*

WE RESPOND

Offering Collection and Dedication

Hymn: VU#538 For the Gift of Creation

Offering Prayer:

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (VU959)

Hymn: VU#289 It Only Takes a Spark

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

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