

A Service of Song, Word, & Table
February 15, 2026

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Daniel Cummings

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

We come to encounter God's glory revealed.

We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

We come to witness God's glory revealed.

We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

We come to remember God's glory revealed.

We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

TFWS 2103

*** A READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Matthew 17:1-9

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

(11:00) ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

Derek Hakes

Chancel Choir

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

UMH 349

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully.

We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises,
and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.

You have given us a love more fully
than anything we could experience in this world
but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it,
and we look to our own means of assurance and security.
Forgive us.

Call us back to You
that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid.
May we hear the words so clearly
as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration;
may we rise up and not be afraid.
In the name of Jesus,
who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

SILENCE

You are God's Beloved;
with you, God is well pleased.
You are renewed and restored.
You are forgiven and loved.
You are a new creation in Christ,
everything old has passed away;
see, everything is becoming new.
Go and share the good news of God's love. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN He is Exalted TFWS 2070

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Radiant God, you meet us in moments of mystery and transformation, calling us to listen, to follow, and to give ourselves in love. As we offer these gifts, we confess our impatience with waiting and our longing for clarity, even when you speak from the cloud. Let these offerings be more than habit; let them reflect the light of Christ we have glimpsed on the mountaintop and the hope we carry into the valleys below. Use them—and us—to shine your love where shadows linger, until all your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY This Little Light of Mine arr. Robert T. Gibson Grace Notes

DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May the God of each dawn be with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts to God who gathers us at this Table.

We delight in the grace which fills our lives.

May we offer our praise to the One who calls us the beloved.

We give thanks to our God of holiness.

You took the shards of chaos,
Repairer of all brokenness
and transfigured them into
 mountains where we could draw closer to you,
 valleys where we could serve your people,
 bright stars of each morning.

These gifts, and so many more, were offered
to the children of dust you call Beloved,
 but we joined death and sin
 in their conspiracy to make themselves
 more important than you in our lives.

You waited for us to return to you,
sending invitation after invitation
through men and women of every age,
 but we continued to plot,
 listening only to sin's foolish words.

When you could no longer wait,
you sent Jesus to us,
so we might take shelter in you.

With those who have seen your glory,
with those who hunger for your grace,
we join in praising your name:

Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You alone are holy, God who laughs
at our foolish posturing,
and blessed is Jesus Christ,
who came to tell everyone of your love.
He could have remained seated in glory,
 but chose to walk with us
 down this path called life.
He could have remained on the mountaintop,

but came down to minister
to all in despair's empty valley.
He could have simply told us
how we should live,
but demonstrated genuine love
by dying on the cross, so
death's power might be broken
by the grace of the resurrection.

As we rejoice in your heart's Beloved,
as we would listen to him with our souls,
we speak of that transfiguring mystery called faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Overshadow us with your grace, we pray,
as the Holy Spirit is poured out on us
and the gifts of this holy table.
As you give us the broken bread
to strengthen our service to others,
may we offer hop to all
surrounded by injustice.
As your cup of life nourishes us,
may we see each person,
not as a stranger or outsider,
but part of your beloved family.

And when the waiting is ended,
when the stars of mornings and evenings
shine the way to your holy feast,
we will join our sisters and brothers
in forever singing your praises,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN IN YOUR HEART LANGUAGE)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

R3 Amen, amen, amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Dr. Daniel Cummings

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* **SENDING HYMN** Immortal, Invisible. God Only Wise UMH 103

BENEDICTION

Come down from the mountain with mountain-like faith.
Walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights.
Live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love.
Go into the world transformed and renewed!

POSTLUDE

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