

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Transfiguration  
February 11, 2018  
8:15a 10:30a

*Welcome to Trinity United Church of Christ. We seek to offer a warm greeting to our visitors, whether you are visiting the area or seeking a church family. To assist you as you worship, we have large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices available. Please see an usher for assistance. We would be happy for you to sign the guest book in the gathering area while you are with us this morning. Whoever you are, wherever you are in life's journey, we are glad that you have come, and pray that you will be blessed by your worship experience. Come and see what God is doing!*

*\*denotes the congregation standing as you are able; congregational responses in **bold print***

At the transfiguration of Christ, God honored the Son by the brightness of physical transformation and by the “honor and glory” of personal affirmation: “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased” (2 Peter 1:17). This is a preview of the day when “every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father” (Phil. 2:10, 11). There is a time for us to celebrate the personal earthly ministry of Christ; there is a time to honor the suffering and death of Christ; and there is a time to celebrate the glory of Christ.

PRELUDE – “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” – *M. Burkhardt*

TIME OF SHARING

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ calls us to come up to meet Him  
up from the valley of confusion,  
up from the pathway of evil,  
up from the desert of despair,  
up from the wilderness of loneliness,  
to meet Him and to share with Him the glory of the Divine Presence.

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**We come before you, gracious God, just as we are,  
with dreams and doubts,  
ideals and idiosyncrasies,  
baggage and burdens,  
secrets and successes,  
failures and faith,  
loves and longings,  
convictions and concerns.  
Take all of who we are  
and help us to become what we hope to be,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN # 84 – “This Is the Day”**

**TIME OF CONFESSION**

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.  
Create in us a clean heart, O God.  
And put a new and right Spirit within us.  
Cast us not away from your presence,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from us.  
Restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold us with a willing spirit.**

Let us join together and make honest confession that God may heal us.

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts;  
cleanse us, we pray, from all our sins  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with lowliness and meekness we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults, trusting in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and strength.  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Now let us silently reflect on the personal struggles and fears that keep us from being fully free.

**WE PRAY FOR GOD’S MERCY**

**Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

### \* RESPONSE # 473 - "Blessed Assurance"

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

And now, experiencing once again the forgiving power  
of our loving God, let us confess our faith:

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.**

**You create our world and give us life.**

**Your purpose overarches everything we do.**

**You have always been with us. You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.**

**You came to us before we came to you.**

**You have revealed and proved your love for us in  
Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.**

**You are with us now. You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.**

**You empower us to be your gospel in the world.**

**You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**

**You are our God. We worship you.**

(A New Zealand Prayer Book)

### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### ANTHEM

"Jesus Paid It All"

*Words by Elvina M. Hall*

*Music by Richard Kingsmore and John T. Grape*

**Senior Choir**

#### THE WORD OF GOD

2 Kings 2:1-12    Psalm 50:1-6    2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

**HYMN # 183 – “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”**

**QUIET PREPARATION**

**SERMON**

**\* THE PRAYER FOR THE MORNING AND OUR LORD’S PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

For we ask it in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying:

**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 sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. Amen**

**PRAYER RESPONSE # 775 “And God Will Raise You”**

**And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God’s hand**

**THE GIVING OF OURSELVES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple —  
truly I tell you, not one of these will lose their reward.

*To our visitors - - the finances of the church are the responsibility of our church members.  
As our guests, we ask visitors to simply pass the offering plate to the person sitting next to you in the pew.  
Please sign the Registration Booklet at the end of each pew, then pass it to the next person. Thank you!*

OFFERTORY – “O Jesus, I Have Promised” – *E. L. Diemer*

**\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE - # 785 “We Give You”**  
**We give you but your own, whate’er the gift may be;**  
**All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Through our tithes and offerings we extend a cup of cold water —**  
**and a serving of food, and a change of clothing,**  
**and a helping hand, and a reading lesson, and a vaccination,**  
**and a message of hope and salvation.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN # 493 – “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

**\*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

May the God who created us in wisdom,  
who saves us in love,  
and who upholds us daily in power,  
be with you now and forever.

**\* POSTLUDE – “Blessed Assurance” – *R. Hobby***