

Woodslee United Church
Sunday, February 15, 2026
Matthew 17:1-9
“Transfiguration Sunday”
Minister: The Rev. Carl Emke
Pianist for Today: Anita Leschied
Greeter for Today: Jennifer Holman



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP – PRELUDE

PRE-WORSHIP SINGING – (Starting at 9:50 a.m.)

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

REFLECTIONS and PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

We light the Christ candle to remind us that we want the light of Christ to shine on our time of worship; and that the words that the Pastor shares would point us to that light. This is the understanding of the symbolism of the lighted candle in front of the pulpit.

Jesus said in John 8:12, **“I am the Light of the World: the one who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”**

We are thankful for this year and this day when we God has given us opportunities to worship Him with others of like precious faith. The Christ candle reminds us that we need Jesus Christ to guide us in each step that we take as we walk with God. We want to 'step' in the light of Jesus.

This morning, the Christ Candle will be lit by Riley Gifford.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: "Blessed Be the Name"

(# 352 in Hymns for the Family of God)

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

Heavenly Father, we ask that You would give us an understanding that moves beyond any roadblocks that may arise between our hearts and Your heart. We want to listen to what You would call us to do, but we have to admit that we come up shy in waiting for Your time to break through our gruff exterior, and infiltrating the inner workings of our soul.

In this time of worship today, remind us to get out of the way as You penetrate our hearts with Your will. Help us to know what to do as You want us to use us to tell someone that You care about them. Help us to act in such a way that when people see us, or hear us, they will be able to see You. Continue to work in our hearts, for we come to You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 17:1-9

HYMN: # 391 "God, Reveal Your Presence"

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN’S SONG: “1,2,3, Jesus Loves Me”

THE LORD’S PRAYER: 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 them that 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – A NEW CREED: We are not alone, we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER: Please remain seated as the pianist plays # 400 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (sung twice)

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Anita Leschied is the pianist for today.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 4:12-23 read earlier in the service

HYMN: # 642 “Be Thou My Vision”

SERMON: “The Blessing of Tunnel Vision”

OUR GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH:

The Bible tells us: “Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits.”

We read in Deuteronomy, “No one shall come into the presence of the Lord empty-handed. Each of you shall bring such a gift as he can in proportion to the blessing which the Lord your God has given you.” The ushers will now receive the offering.

HYMN OF DEDICATION: MV #191 “What Can I Do?” (2 X)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (Hymns for the Family of God - #621).

COMMISSIONING:

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace”

POSTLUDE

Woodslee Pastoral Charge CCLI # 465534

Right after the service, please stay for a time of friendship and fellowship in the Hall. **The friendships are a blessing, and the time together is a treat. TREAT YOURSELF!!!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List: Please pray for all those who are listed on our prayer list and all members living in care homes. Please also pray for family members of individuals who are facing the challenges of depression and the struggles that come with that. Pray for all of the people who are trying to understand their own feelings of loneliness and discouragement – that they may allow God to surround them with His love.

KEEP IN MIND - All reports for the Annual Report needed to be emailed to Lisa by February 12. Has yours been sent in yet???

CAN YOU SMELL THE COFFEE?? Every Thursday at 10:00 a.m., the coffee is brewing and **YOU** are invited to join in as we munch, mingle and mindfully mull over whatever topics the conversation will unearth as we share in friendship. During the coffee time, the only agenda is to appreciate one another's company. We'd love to have you join us!!!

Reduce; Reuse; **RECYCLE** – your old Christmas cards, that is! The Knotty Blanketeers are looking for old Christmas cards that they can recycle. They have some really nifty plans about how to use them.

MODERATOR'S KITCHEN CONVERSATIONS

Beginning on Shrove Tuesday, follow the Moderator on the kitchen conversations webpage and the UCC You Tube Channel. This starts on Shrove Tuesday and then every Sunday after during Lent. Pancakes, anyone?

The **World Day of Prayer** will be held this year at Comber United Church on Friday, March 6 at 11:00 am. See you there!!!

GOLDEN LADLE SOUP CHALLENGE: Saturday, March 7, 5:30 pm. The entertainment will be HAPPY HOUR BOYS.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE – about what is going on in the wider United Church as a denomination, please google or call the United Church of Canada. You will be able to find out what mission causes are supported and what our official response is to various issues that arise in different parts of the globe.

Thought for the Day: People don't always need advice: Sometimes all they really need is - a hand to hold, - an ear to listen, - and a heart to understand them.

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Typical working hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Hours may change for meetings or
appointments.