

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Berceuse (Louis Vierne arr. Noel Rawsthorne)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion** Louise Procter Maio

INTROIT How Brightly Beams the Morning Star
(Johann Adolf Schlegel trans. Catherine Winkworth,
adapt. Philipp Nicolai)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us be attentive to God’s presence in this place.
Listen, for the Holy One speaks in ways that is not
always heard.

Our God comes and does not keep silence.

We look for a vision to claim our souls.

The mountain is quiet, and suddenly Jesus is
transformed. Be quick to respond to God's invitation.

**Voices and images surround the mountain,
the friends of Jesus are filled with awe.**

Open your ears to the good news of the gospel.

Open your eyes to the glory and steadfast care of God.

**We have come to share knowledge of Jesus
Christ. We gather, seeking transformation
and empowerment.**

Come, let us raise our voices in response to God’s love!

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PRAYER FOR RENEWAL & THE LORD’S PRAYER

God, who gives us life so full of mystery, we worship
you in wonder and joy. Your breath gives us life and
your light guides our way. Open our eyes to see your
transforming power at work in us and in our world.
May your presence transfigure our ordinary
pathways, that we may walk in the sparkling newness
of life. Forgive us when we think we have seen
everything, and we do not expect to be surprised by
your glory and your mystery. Forgive us when we
have given ourselves over to the despair that blinds.
Help us to see anew the good in us and others that
persists. And as Jesus taught us, so now we pray.
Our Father, who art in heaven....

WORDS OF GRACE

Take comfort in the assurance that God is on our side.
God knows us through and through, and bestows pardon
and peace.

Thanks be to God for the gifts that give us new life!

SUNG RESPONSE Arise, Be Clothed in the Light

(VU 886) **Arise, be clothed in the light.**

**Arise, be clothed in the light. Your light has come,
your light has come. Hallelujah! (repeat)**

TIME FOR ALL AGES

FINDING GOD TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 24:12-18 (The Lord
calls Moses up onto the mountain.) Brandon Holmeshaw

ANTHEM I’m Goin’ Up a Yonder
(Walter Hawkins arr. Martin Sirvatka) *The Aurora Choralis*

GOSPEL READING Matthew 17:1-9
(Jesus calls three disciples up onto the mountain.)

SERMON The View from the Mountain Top
The Rev. Tim Dayfoot

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SHARING GOD’S LOVE

A NEW CREED VU p. 918
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Aria (Noel Rawsthorne)

***DEDICATION** What Can We Bring? (Mayberry/Kai)
**What can we bring, what can we offer, what gifts from
heaven sent, to light Creation? We bring respect, we
bring compassion, we breathe into the life that teaches
all is holy. And justice shall be our heart’s delight, an
open door. We bring this Love, we bring this One
Love. We bring this Love, we bring this One Love.**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast
to What Is Good’. Used with permission.)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and good to give you thanks and praise, O God, because from the beginning, you invited us on a journey with you, a journey of wonders and miracles, a journey of healing and joy, a journey of mystery, a journey full of life and love. And so in thanks and praise we join our voices in the song of the angels and saints, who forever sing to you, as we sing these words:

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space. All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to Your grace. Hosanna in the highest heaven. Creation sings Your praise. And blessed is the One who comes and bears Your name always. (MV 203)

Blessed is your son, O God, our Savior Jesus Christ, who joined us on our journey, who was so full of grace and truth that we cannot help but follow him. When his path went back to you, you sent us your Spirit to continue alongside us, to empower and inspire us to continue to be your people. Now we pray that that same Spirit will be among us, and among these elements of bread and cup, that our ordinary meal will become our sacred feast, to nourish us for the next part of the journey. As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other's company, and for your guiding presence.

Remembering your boundless love shown to us in Jesus Christ, we offer you our praise, as we proclaim in song the great mystery of our faith:

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again! Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again! (MV 204)

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on all your people. Bless this bread and this cup, that they might refresh us and renew us as Christ's body in the world. May our Amen be heard, as we sing together:

**Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, Amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! (MV 205)**

Words of Institution

Christ's body broken and healed for you.
The cup of rich blessing poured out for you.

Welcome to the Table

Come, for all things are now ready.

Communion is Received

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Amen.

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***COMMISSIONING**

***SUNG BLESSING**

Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light (MV 211)
**Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ,
so you may be nourished by the Word of Life. (repeat)**

POSTLUDE Tuba Tune (Mark D. Himmelman)



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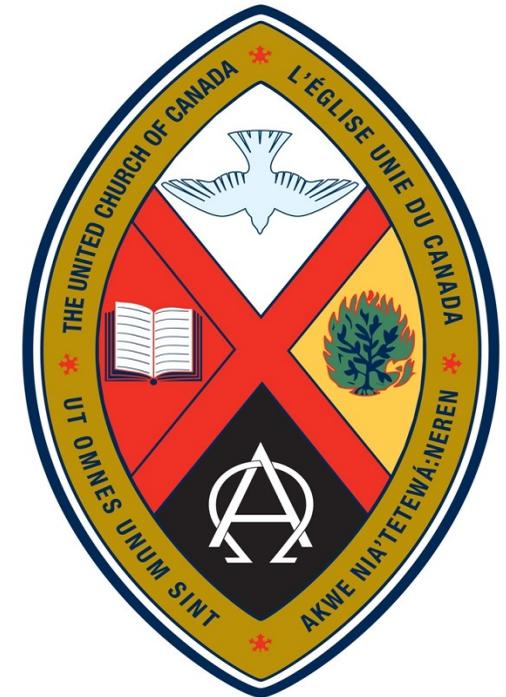
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Transfiguration Sunday

**February 15, 2026
11:00 AM**

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding **VU 104**

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word; Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet: Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine. But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art) **VU 238**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great thou art!
How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, How great
thou art! How great thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **R**

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. **R**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" **R**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing **VU 481**

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The supper is ended, O now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.