

The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA

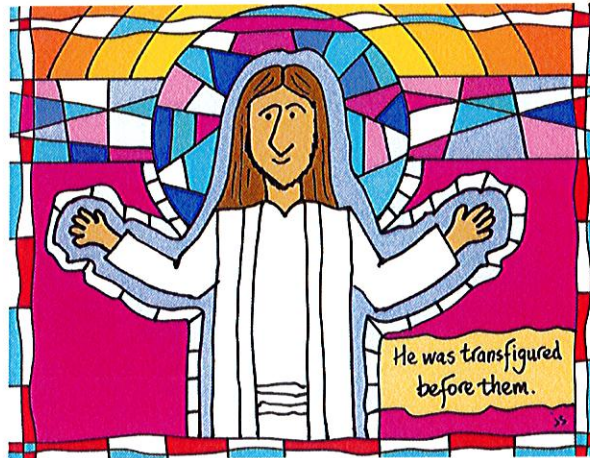
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

"We gather for worship, study, planning and mission to celebrate the life, teachings, death and living presence of Jesus Christ which frees us to love boldly and to serve gladly as God would want us to do."

February 11, 2024

10:30am

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Picture by John Stuart

We believe God calls us to love unconditionally, following the example of Jesus Christ.

Recognizing that all people are equal in the sight of God, we seek to be an inclusive and respectful community for persons of every color, age, sexual orientation, gender, ability and economic means.

In our calling to express the love and welcome of Christ, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person, and declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation.

We strive to respond to the needs of our town and world with practical deeds of love.

We welcome individuals and families of every configuration into the full life and ministry of this church, and invite you to join us on our faith journey!

Coming...

Musical Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

As With Gladness Those of Old
Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
And when mortal things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glory hide

NCH #159 V. 4

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

Praising & Learning...

***Call to Worship**

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting

All: God speaks to us and summons us.

One: God gathers us in covenant,

All: God's glory shines forth.

One: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

NCH #184

***Opening Prayer**

Mighty God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and to the earth in covenant. And so we call to you: be present as we worship. Gather us, that we may hear your voice and respond to your ways of righteousness. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

***Devotional Hymn**

Jesus Take Us to the Mountain

NCH #183

Reflecting & Praying...

Scripture Readings

Mark 9:2-9

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Sermon

Hall of Mirrors

Rev. Andrew Harris

Musical Offering

Pastoral Prayer

Committing...

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory and Love Offering

Doxology

Lyrics adapted by William Abernethy; tune

NCH #780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication & Consecration**

Going...

***Closing Hymn**

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

NCH #182

***Benediction**

Postlude

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CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Adopted February 2017:

At the UCC Burlington, we cultivate a thriving environment, which empowers us to embody the beloved, diverse community that Jesus modeled for us, proclaiming that ***all are welcome, all are loved.*** We celebrate our colonial roots as we change, adapt and grow into who God is calling us to be. We respect the sanctity of each person's spiritual journey and we are blessed by the gifts that each person brings to the life of the church. We join together in faithful service and advocacy with the ongoing hope that we can make the world a better, more just, and peaceful place for everyone.

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LOVE OFFERING

Today's Love Offering is a special fund under Deacons.
There are special envelopes in the pews for your convenience.
This fund is to help those who may be having a difficult time financially.
Please reach out to any of our Deacons.

All requests are confidential

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Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor
Brian Gionet, Director of Music Ministries
Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education
Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant
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JOYS AND CONCERNS

Kari Lynch on the passing of her brother-in-law
David
Cindy Gilpin on the passing of her brother Dan
Wayne Higden
Deana Tredeau's niece Amber Watkins
Brian Gionet's Dad
Claire Simas and daughter Marianne
Roberta Low
Christa Brown
Rebecca Sobolewski's sister, Holly
Sheila Vitali
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn
Bobbie Killilea's Friend John Ford
Jessy McNeil's sister Grace
Elaine Glancy's friend Rita,
sister-in-law Irene
Jim Killilea, Tom's brother
Laura Nowell's cousin Nigel and friend Mary
Skip Glancy's sister, Dorothy
Joyce Carpenter's niece Cindy, brother Bob
Marilyn Langley's brother, Bill
Lee Tirrell
Kelly Sievert
Bill Hitchcock
Jan Blandino's grandson Toby, her
Daughter Brenda and Son-in-law Rick
Barbara Moran
Ginger Mungillo's daughter Cindy
and Ginger's son Jim
Jean Bastos
Barbara Garland

Our Nation, Mother Earth
Israel and Gaza
So much Violence worldwide!

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION

February 11 Worship and Love Offering

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist: Brian Gionet
Lay Leader: Sally Willard
Head Usher: Deb Glancy
Usher:
Greeter: Woody Knowles
Flowers: Jan Costa
Collector: Dick Butler
Sunday School: Deb Raymond-Donna Ferro
Nursery: Ally Mazzarella
Coffee Hour: Chris Stahlinski
Jan McSheffrey
Bakers: Chris Stahlinski
Jan McSheffrey

February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY 7pm*

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist: Brian Gionet
Lay Leader: Debbie Claar
Head Usher: **NEEDED**
Usher: **NEEDED**

February 18 Worship

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Harris
Organist: Brian Gionet
Lay Leader: Marcia Rich
Head Usher: Dave McNeil
Usher: Dave Leonard
Greeter: Chris Stahlinski
Flowers: Nancy Davis
Collector: Marge Zamanian
Sunday School: Deb Raymond-Donna Ferro
Nursery:
Coffee Hour: Jan McSheffrey
Bakers: Donna Flecchia
Jan McSheffrey

UPCOMING THIS WEEK

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| Wed Feb 14 | Ashes-Sanctuary | 7-9am |
| | Ashes-True North | 9-10am |
| | Worship Service | 7:00pm |
| Thu Feb 15 | C4C | 1:00pm |
| | True North | 2-4pm |
| | Missions Meeting | 7:00pm |
| | Pub Theology | 8:00pm |
| Sat Feb 17 | Leadership Retreat | 10-2pm |
| Sun Feb 18 | Frist Sunday of Lent | |
| | Worship | 10:30am |
| | Sunday School | |

**ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2024**



**Ashes-to-go in our sanctuary 7-9am
Ashes-to-go at True North 9-10am**

Join us for worship at 7pm. Ashes will be distributed during the service. This is the beginning of Lent!

**UCC BURLINGTON LEADERSHIP RETREAT
Saturday, February 17th, from 10am-2pm**

Our staff and committee chairs will gather for this year's Leadership Retreat. This retreat offers an opportunity for our leadership team to come together, reflect, and strategize for the year ahead. Drawing upon the insights gleaned from congregational feedback, we'll engage in collaborative discussions and brainstorming sessions, to craft meaningful plans that align with our mission and vision and that resonate with our community's needs and aspirations. Lunch will be served. We look forward to sharing what comes out of this retreat with the whole congregation!

WISH PROJECT IN CHELMSFORD

It is just about fall so we will be collecting only **WINTER** clothing for the Wish Project. All donated clothing needs to be clean, free of stains and holes. As in the past Woody Knowles takes the clothing up to the Wish Project in Chelmsford where he is a volunteer. We thank you for your donations and for Woody's help taking and transporting the clothing.

SECOND SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES

Today during Sunday School

5th Grade and up will enjoy learning about
DEACONS

"How does our church work and
can I be a part of it!"

Guest Speaker is Kari Lynch

CHOIR REHEARSALS

If joining the choir please make note the rehearsal time is 7:15pm every Wednesday evening. All voices are welcome! We are looking for Bell Ringers for a new program we are trying to start! Contact Brian if interested.

TRUE NORTH COFFEE SHOP

PASTOR HOURS

Join Andrew every Thursday 2-4pm
True North Coffee Shop is located at:
204 Cambridge Street, Burlington, MA

PUB THEOLOGY

Every third Thursday of the Month
Join Andrew on February 15 8pm
Common Craft @ Burlington Mall

Come and have some serious, not so serious and sometimes silly conversations on theology over a mug of our choice!

CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE C4C

C4C will meet Thursday at 1pm in the conference room. Join us in person or online through Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/93567188274?pwd=TVJ3L2xDODFxeUVSM0dWRnFhelI3dz09>

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O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

*Luke 9:28-36; Matt. 17:1-5; Mark 9:2-7**Latin, "Sarum Breviary," 1495
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.*

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare, how with the
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place, two cho - sen
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

that the church shall share, Which Christ up - on the
 three dis - ci - ples there, Where Mo - ses and E -
 wit - ness - es of grace; The voice of God out
 man - i - fest to - day What glo - ry shall be
 vi - sion's mys - ter - y, For which in joy - ful

moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun, Christ glows!
 li - jah meet, they with the Christ God's fu - ture greet.
 from the cloud pro - claims the Hu - man One a - loud.
 theirs be - yond, who live with - in God's lov - ing bond.
 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

This tune was composed in honor of the defeat of France at Agincourt by England under Henry V. The words, "Deo gracias . . .," were added in honor of the English king's wish that the glory for the victory be given to God.

Tune: DEO GRACIAS L.M.
 "The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415
 For other harmonizations, see 209, 259

In his commentary on the text, hymnwriter Carl P. Daw, Jr., describes the "implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the disciples on the Mount of the Transfiguration and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship."

Tune: HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D.
Rowland H. Prichard, 1844
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1991; alt.

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36;
John 19:30; Matt. 27:50-54; Mark 15:37-39

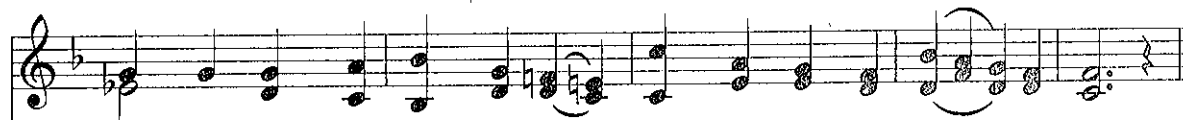
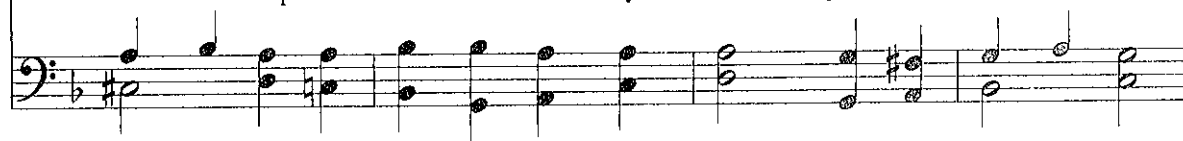
Unison



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain, where, with Pe - ter, James, and John,
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com-pan - ions saw?
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis - ci - ples heard?
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you glo - ri - fied,
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as - cend - ed Christ,



We are daz-zled by your glo - ry, light as blind-ing as the sun.
Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there fills us with the self - same awe.
Once a - gain the voice from heav - en says of the In - car - nate Word:
Where you shout-ed, "It is fin - ished!" where for all the world you died.
Can - not help but tell the sto - ry, all that you have sac - ri - ficed;



There pre-pare us for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
"Lis - ten, lis - ten, ev - ery-one, this is my be - lov - ed One!"
Hear the stunned cen - tu - ri - on: "This was God's be - lov - ed One!"
Say with Pe - ter, James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed One!"



Both text and tune were commissioned by St. Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Maryland, to commemorate its fiftieth anniversary. The hymnwriter, Jaroslav Vajda, tells of being "as much at a loss for words contemplating the glory of the transfigured Christ as were the disciples."

Tune: SILVER SPRING 8.7.8.7.7.
Carl F. Schalk, 1991
Alternate tune: IRBY

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

*Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36**Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988*

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.