

**The United Church of Christ, Congregational
Burlington, MA**

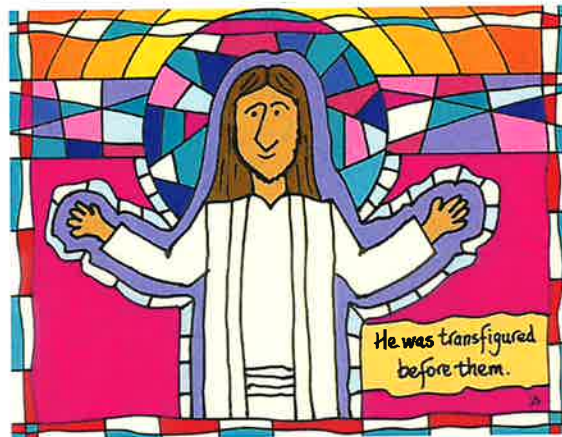
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

"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 15, 2026

10:30am

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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!

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

Gathering....

Musical Prelude Alle Menschen Mussen sterben - Pachelbel

Aline Beck

Welcome & Announcements

***Morning Psalm - Inspired by Psalm 2**

One: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

All: The kings of the earth set themselves against the LORD and his anointed.

One: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

All: Serve the Lord with fear; with trembling kiss his feet,

One: or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

All: Happy are all who take refuge in him.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Passing the Peace

***Opening Hymn**

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

NCH #182

Reflecting...

Scripture Readings

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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| Our Sermon | Interpretation and Revelation | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Anthem | O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair | #184 Aline Beck, solo |

Praying...

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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| *Song of Prayer | Come Forth, O Love Divine | NCH #289 |
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Offering...

Invitation of Offering

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| Offertory | At Rest – Ritter | Aline Beck |
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| *Doxology | Lyrics adapted by William Abernethy; tune <i>NCH #780</i> |
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**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**

Sending...

***Closing Hymn**

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

NCH #59

***Benediction**

Postlude

Larghetto - Wesley

Aline Beck

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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.

Rev. Andrew Harris, Pastor

Aline Beck, Organist

Deb Raymond, Director of Christian Education

Bobbie Killilea, Administrative Assistant

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PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Lucy Damiani
Congrats to Deb Glancy on her new career
Rev. Cheryl Kerr's son Gabe
Joyce Carpenter nieces Breanna, MaryJane and brother-in-law Ken
Bobbie Killilea
Tom Killilea and the passing of his brother Rick
Auri Musselman's sister-in-law's family
Laura Nowell's friend Mary
Sally Willard's sister
Woody Knowles
Donna DeSome's sister Brenda and brother-in-law Rick
Deana Tredeau's great niece Katie Wise
Ryan Clark's co-workers
Conrad Fong
Tonia Egan's Mom and Dad
Bill Livezey
Kay Shute
Roberta Low
Debbie Claar's dear friends Victor and Bob
Jan Blandino, her grandson Toby
David Knowles
Elaine Glancy
Ted Brierley
Andrew's friend Lorenzo
Bill Hitchcock
Anna Karwan's mom Irene and gratitude for her sister as caretaker
Skip Glancy and sister Dorothy
Karen Butler's brother-in-law Lenny
Barbara Naddaff's friend Mary
Shirley Fong's Mom Mary
Julie Lewis' cousin Alicia
Shirley Garside's daughter Lynn
Jessy McNeil's sisters Grace and Joyce
Kelly Sievert

Ginger Mungillo, daughter Cindy, son Jim
Barbara Garland

Our Country
The World
Mother Earth

*Kari Lynch donated today's altar flowers
in celebration of Julia's and Kellsee's
February Birthdays!*

Worship Participation

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
| Organist: | Aline Beck |
| Lay Leader: | Sally Willard |
| Head Usher: | Chris Stahlinski |
| Usher: | Debbie Claar |
| Greeter: | |
| Collector: | Joan Zink |
| Flowers: | Kari Lynch |
| Nursery: | Kritika Agarwala |
| Sunday School: | Deb Raymond
Donna Ferro |
| Coffee Host: | Donna Flecchia |
| Bakers: | Donna Flecchia
Marge Zamanian |

Worship Participation February 22

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| Pastor: | Rev. Andrew Harris |
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| Head Usher: | Dave McNeil |
| Usher: | Deana Tredeau |
| Greeter: | Marcia Rich |
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NAME TAGS

To help create a welcoming atmosphere, we ask that you wear your name tag. If you don't have one, please let Bobbie know.



Come receive ashes at church in the morning between 7-9am. Then Andrew will give out ashes down at the ICE Building until 1pm.

Ash Wednesday worship will take place at 7pm in the sanctuary.



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE

We are busy making prayer shawls and prayers squares. Weather permitting, we will meet every Thursday at 1PM in the conference room. All are welcome!

Bible Study - Every Wedne 2-3pm

We will start a Lenten Bible Study next week. Join us in the conference room on Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89076641525>

TRANSFIGURATION

182 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.

Come Forth, O Love Divine

Acts 2:1-4

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

Transl. Richard F. Littledale, 1867; alt.

1 Come forth, O Love di - vine, seek now this soul of
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong with which the soul will

mine, and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing;
 turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 long, shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess its grace, till love cre - ate a place

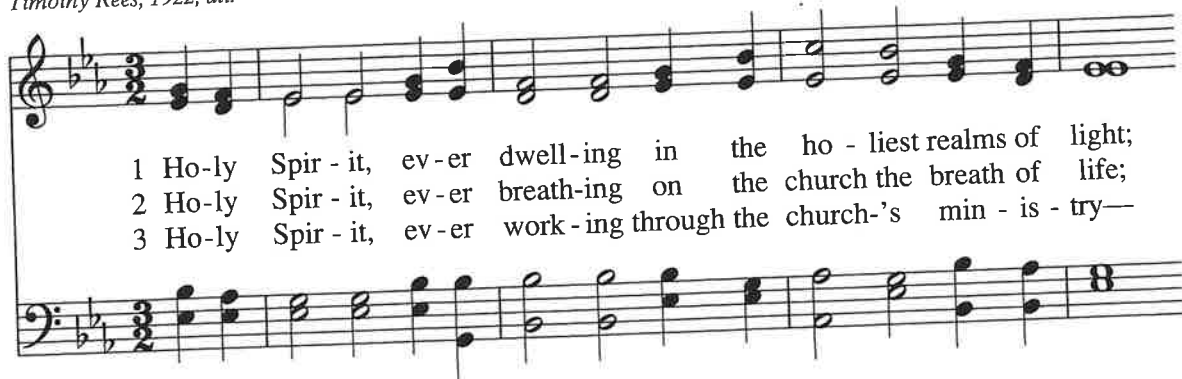
and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Bianco da Siena lived in Venice, where he was a member of a religious order following the rule of St. Augustine. Ralph Vaughan Williams' tune composed for this hymn was named for his birthplace in England.

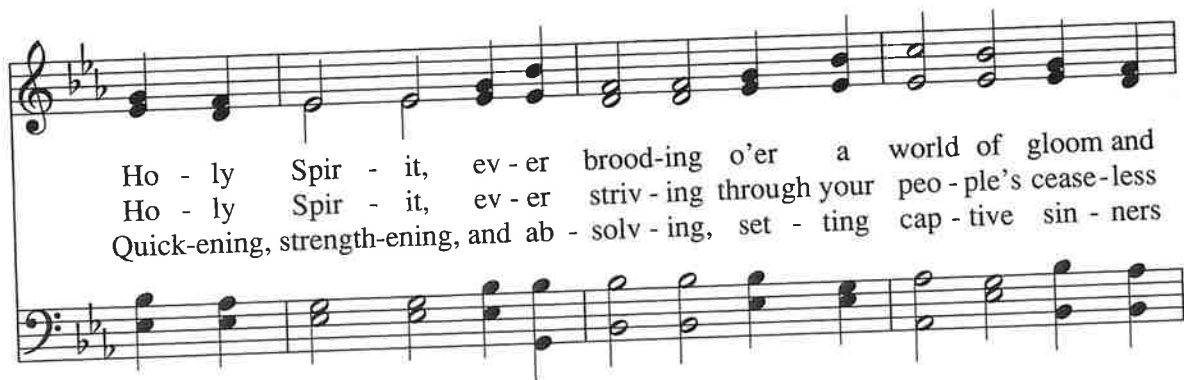
Tune: DOWN AMPNEY 6.6.11.D.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

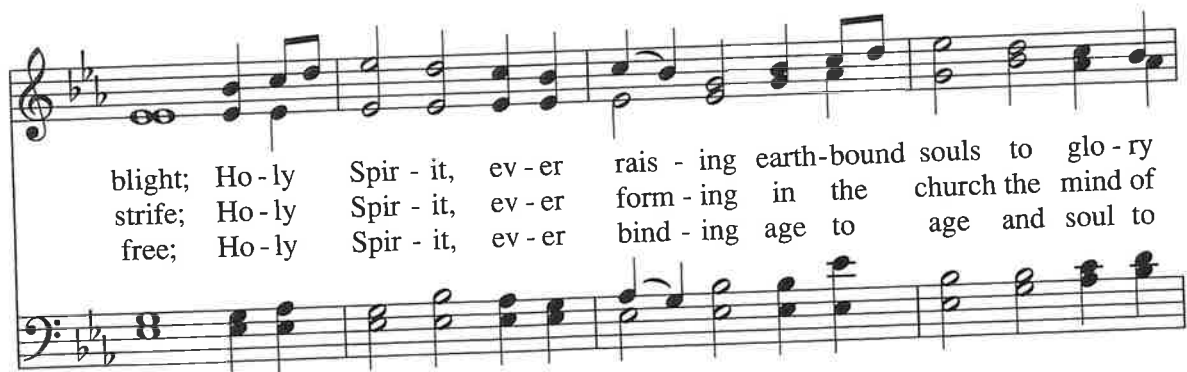
Timothy Rees, 1922; alt.



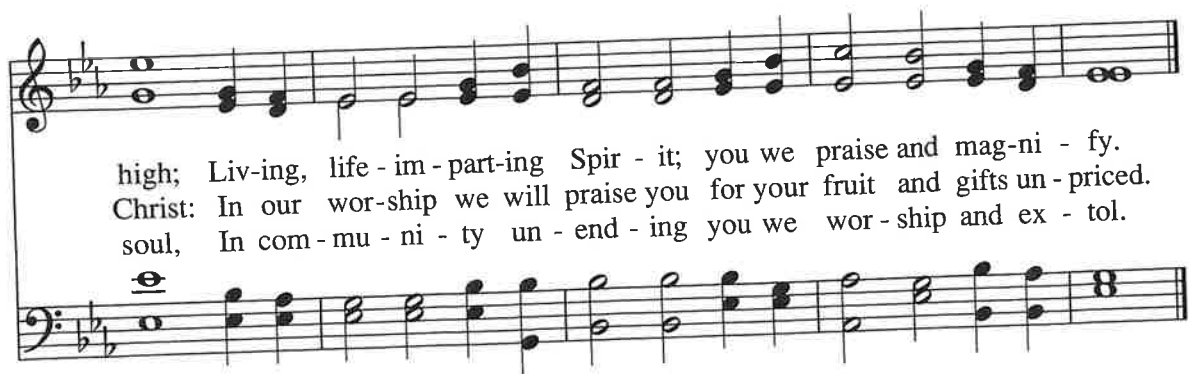
1 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er breath - ing on the church the breath of life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the church - 's min - is - try—



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through your peo - ple's cease - less
 Quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners



blight; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing earth - bound souls to glo - ry
 strife; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of
 free; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to



high; Liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it; you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 Christ: In our wor - ship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts un - priced.
 soul, In com - mu - ni - ty un - end - ing you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Timothy Rees, Welsh curate, lecturer, chaplain, and winner of the Military Cross in World War I, was appointed Bishop of Llandaff in 1931. These words were written for the Anglican Community of Mirfield, Yorkshire, of which he was a member.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813