

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

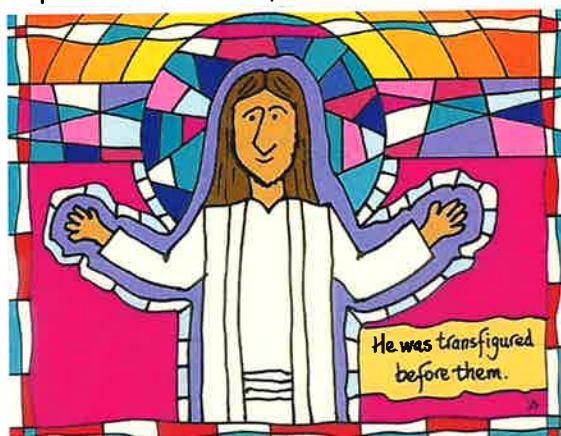
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

"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."

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

***Song of Prayer**

Come Forth, O Love Divine

NCH #289

Offering...

Invitation of Offering

Offertory

At Rest – Ritter

Aline Beck

***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**

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

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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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

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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 bidding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-en ed 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

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-en-ing, strength-en-ing, 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