

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
The Transfiguration
February 27, 2022**

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Candle Lighting

Opening Prayer

Life & Work of the Community

* Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise. 264VU

Prayer of Approach

Minute for Mission Wendy Siebrands

A Story For All Ages

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99 819VU

Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: "Awesome"

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

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Prayer

* Hymn Be Thou My Vision [vs. 1,2,3] 642VU

Commissioning and Benediction

*Sending Forth Take Up His Song of Peace

"This service has now ended. Your service now begins."

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings March 6, 2022
Deuteronomy 26:1-11 • Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 • Romans 10:8b-13
• Luke 4:1-13.

Upcoming dates

March 2- Session meeting by Zoom

March 6 - First Sunday in Lent - Rev Debbie Aitken

March 6 - Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following worship

March 13 - Second Sunday in Lent

March 20 - Third Sunday in Lent - Canon Mark Tiller

Welcome to our worship service today. Rev. Dr. Larry Siebrands is leading our worship on this last Sunday of Epiphany, Transfiguration Sunday. Rev. Debbie will be back with us next Sunday.

Our hymns today are recommended Transfiguration hymns. As we sing them, be thinking about how they connect to Transfiguration.

Don't forget the food bank! In our Gospel story, the 3 disciples wanted to erect 3 booths to commemorate what they had witnessed. We, however, could commemorate the Transfiguration by working to support the food bank; it depends on us.

Reminder: Our offering plate is located near the sanctuary doors. Please place your contributions there, since we will not be taking an offering as we have in the past. It's one way to be mindful of the Covid restrictions.

There will be no choir anthem today. Covid rules tell us that choirs ought not perform at this time. Everyone must wear a mask indoors, with some exceptions, e.g. people who have had pneumonia or other respiratory problems. All people must maintain at least a two metres physical distance from others. Indoor group singing, dancing and use of wind instruments have been linked to numerous outbreaks in multiple countries. So, today only, no dancing!

Today's readings and themes:

Exodus 34:29-35: Why Moses wore a veil

Psalms 99 The Lord is King; let the people tremble

Luke 9:28-36 The transfiguration: glory on the mountain top

Ash Wednesday is on March 2, next Wednesday. Ordinarily, we would have an Ash Wednesday service. However, due to Covid, we must defer! Perhaps engage in a makeshift service in your own home to mark the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday readings are these: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21; Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10.

Next Sunday, March 6, is the first Sunday of Lent. The appointed readings are these: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 • Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 • Romans 10:8b-13 • Luke 4:1-13. Take time to prepare for Sunday by previewing these lessons.

Our annual meeting is coming up. The annual report is available for you to take; it is located in the narthex. Help yourself.

Since there is no senior's meal in February, we plan to have on in March. Hopefully, today someone will give us the exact date of that meal plus other details, once they have been provided.

We love PAR! Par is the Pre-Authorized Remittance, a direct debit program that allows you to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Contact Maureen MacLeod if you are interested in contributing to our church through our PAR. Sure makes giving easier and more dependable!

Interested in good reading? Near the table by the nursery, we have some denominational magazines, Broadview/Observer, that have good articles about United Churches in action. Take one home, give it a read, and return it when finished. You'll be a better church member when you're finished....or at least a more informed church member.

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