



Transfiguration – Lewis Bowman

Sunday February 7, 2016
Transfiguration Sunday
10:30 am

Jesus Justice Prayer Peace

** Indicates to rise in body or spirit*

Welcome

Yolanda Adams

Please pass the red friendship pads to sign in at this time. If this is your first time visiting, please legibly write your name and address so we may send you a letter of welcome and more information about our church.

Chimes

Voluntary “Largo Alla Siciliana” – GF Handel Lea Kibler, Flute; Gary Mitchell, Organ

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God, we come to listen to what God has to say to us.

People: **God has invited us to this place: may our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.**

We gather as the faithful of God, people of the new covenant of grace and of promise.

We boldly enter into the presence of God, hoping to be transformed into new people.

We gather as the faithful of God, our fears melting away in the heart of God.

We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit, we come to praise God's holy name.

*Hymn #1

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Prayer of Approach

Leader: Come, O God, living mystery. We lay down the wisdom gathered in this world, and long for the wisdom of heaven, too often hidden by our own agendas. Remove the veil...

People: **that we may see.**

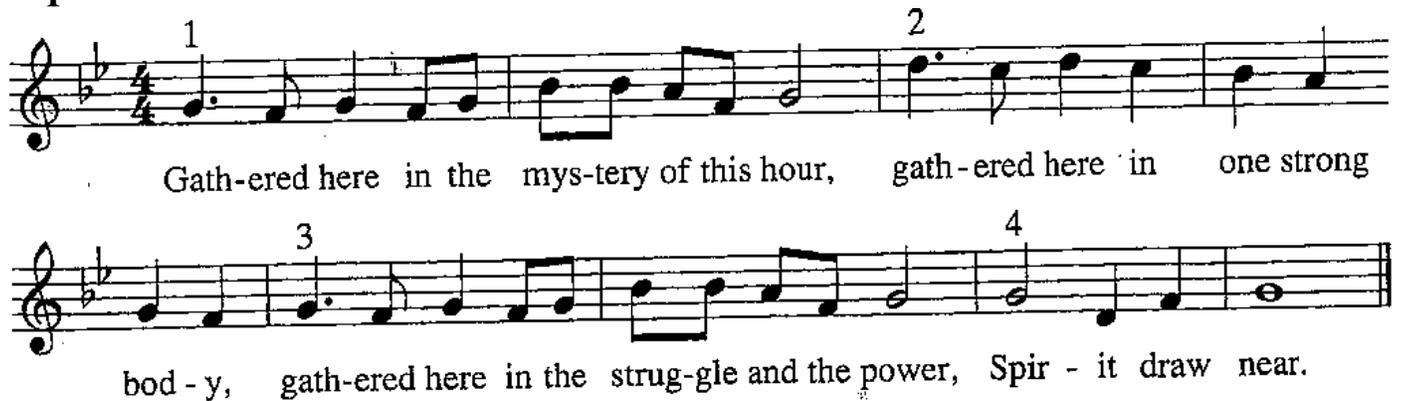
Come, O God, riot of light. We lay down the answers found in this world, and ask the questions of eternity, hidden by our false securities. Remove the veil...

that we may see.

Come, O God, glory transfigured. We lay down the certainties of this world, and revel in the mysteries of the sacred, hidden by our well-informed minds.

Remove the veil that we may see. Amen.

Response # 742



Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong
bod - y, gath-ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Amen

Anthem

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” – Nelson

Lea Kibler, Flute; John Steffa, Cello; Betty Dillashaw, Piano

Time with Children

Gary Mitchell

After a Time with Children, children may go with Gary to the Education Wing for a time of religious exploration and education, and return to the sanctuary before the last hymn.

Children are also welcome to remain in worship.

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:28-36

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Amen

Sermon

“Both Sides”

Rev. Margot Pickett

*Hymn # 336

“Here, O My Lord, I see you Face to Face”

Ministry Updates

Yolanda Adams

Sharing Our Gifts

Call for the Offering

Offertory “Arioso from Cantata BWV 156” -Bach

John Steffa & Gary Mitchell

Prayer of Dedication

Lord's Supper

Invitation

Leader: Luke, the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him

All: In company with believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Communion Prayer

Leader: The God of mountaintops be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Come, People of God, to the One who will transfigure your hearts.

People: We offer them to God, who will make them dazzle with grace.

Leader: Let us join in singing glad songs of hope to our God.

People: Our voices rejoice in glad thanksgiving to the One who comes to us.

You came down into chaos... With those who gather on mountaintops and by the sea, with those who are afraid to draw close and those who eagerly run towards you, we offer songs of thanksgiving in these moments:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God enthroned on our praises.

Creation joins in one voice in singing to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith... We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we say boldly what we believe:

Christ died, that the veil of our fears might be removed;

Christ was raised, so we might see the glory of the resurrection;

Christ will come, so we might live as your own forever.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ

lay down his life.

Amen.

Sharing the Gifts of Bread and Wine

(All are welcome at this table. Please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and return by one of the side aisles. Each station has a gluten free option. The dark liquid is wine, the lighter liquid is juice. There will be a communion station in the balcony for those seated there.)

Communion Music

John Steffa, Cello; Amanda Horton, Vocalist

Prayer of Thanksgiving (spoken by all)

Because the broken bread has meant our healing, because the outpoured cup has meant our life, because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls, and because we have here been graced by your presence, God, we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn: # 182

“We have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

Sending

Leader: It was good to be here,

but now God sends us from worship to action.

**People: To speak of hope to those who have lost heart,
to be the voice of all not heard by the world.**

It was good to be here,

But now Jesus sends us from silence into service.

**Where we will listen to the broken,
where we will speak of hope.**

It was good to be here, but now the Spirit sends us from the community of faith into our neighborhoods, schools, and work.

**Where we will turn our faces to those who have no friends,
where we will act boldly for justice.**

Postlude

Welcome! WE ARE...

We are a progressive, risk-taking Christian faith community.

We follow the way of Jesus as the Christ and are welcome, open, and affirming to all.

We believe God is vibrant, alive, and still speaking to us!

We believe that God encourages us to engage the world through acts of mercy, peace, and justice.

For Today's Service

Greeters/Ushers: Michael Hutzler
& Julie Everett

Liturgist: Rev. Karen Richardson Dunn

Communion Prep: Tara Darby

Communion Servers: Rev. Karen Richardson
Dunn, Randall Bowman, Tara Darby,

Alison Langley, April Spencer

Deacon of the Month: Julie Everett

Alternate Deacon of the Month: Beaver Wyatt
(Handicap Door)

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Our Staff

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Current Faith Formation Classes

More information on our website: www.uccasheville.org

Bible Study of 2 Corinthians with Rev. Brenda Lewis: Join us when you can on Sundays at 9:15 in E-103.

Youth Sunday School: The last Sunday of each month, Youth Group (middle and high schoolers) will have Sunday School in the tower room starting at 9:15 am. Breakfast will be served. Next meeting is Feb. 28th.

For our Visitors and New Attendees

More information on our website: www.uccasheville.org

Join the church! Sunday February 14th will be New Member Sunday. If you have been waiting and are ready to join the church, this is your day! New Member Bio Forms are available in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome to join, but we DO need to know ahead of time if you plan to do so! If you'd like to join or have questions, please contact Yolanda at ministry@uccasheville.org or 828.252.8729.

Events and Opportunities to Connect

More information on our website: www.uccasheville.org

Lunch Bunch: Are you new to the church or Asheville and looking for an informal way to meet new people? Most Sundays, a varying group of us leave from the church and head to a local eatery close by and just have a good time getting to know each other. All are welcome and for more information please contact Beaver Wyatt at 828-231-3113 or beaverwyatt@bellsouth.net OR just find her at church. Ask a greeter or usher for help finding Beaver or the lunch bunch!

Stir the Soul Café: Wednesdays from 2-4 pm, you can join Loraine Tuenge in the church library for a time of conversation and coffee or tea. Everyone is welcome to stop by!

Creative Contemplative Group: Mondays 5:45-8PM Room 105 in the education wing of FCUCC.

Calling all Children! Betty Dillashaw will be asking whether children / youth may be interested in being part of a new chime / bell group at FCUCC. We are hoping for enough interest to begin team meetings /

rehearsals in February – at a time / day convenient for the majority of people who are interested. If you have any questions at all about this FCUCC initiative, please contact Betty: bettydtleaf@gmail.com 336-260-0836

Friendship Time: Each Sunday after church, please come to the Friendship Hall for light refreshments. This is one of the ways that our church offers Extravagant Welcome not only to visitors but to each other. It's a way to forge new friendships and catch up with old friends. To help us keep our Hospitality budget in line we are always looking for donations of food or funds to set a nice Welcome Table. Will you consider bringing some savory items, such as cheese, hummus, nuts and fruit? We also take cookies and decadent goodies as well. Please leave all items in the kitchen prior to Sunday School or worship.

Game Night: February 9th and the second Tuesday of each month in Room E-105. 7:00 pm. Join us! We might be playing cards and games such as dominoes, Rummikub, etc. Will play for fun and friendship, so no experience necessary! Contact Dennis Vanator & Mary Hawkins if you have questions: denmary14@gmail.com.

Faith & Flicks: Screening of Joy Luck Club **Sunday, February 14th** at 5:30 in the church library. Everyone is welcome! Viewing will be followed by a brief discussion.



Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Our Ash Wednesday service this year will focus on our call to discipleship, to follow Jesus on the road to Good Friday and the Cross. In order to make the journey we need to let go of some of the burdens...or sins...that keep us from following faithfully. We will share in readings, hymns, and moments of silence that will help prepare us for receiving ashes on our foreheads that will remind us not only of our own mortality and need for repentance, but also of the promise of forgiveness and new life. Please join us for this special service.

Lenten Devotionals

The Lenten devotionals written by the UCC Writer's Group are available for \$5 each at the back of the sanctuary. The first Sunday in Lent is February 14th.

Transition Team Update Thank you to everyone who submitted names for the Transition Team! We've had excellent participation: more than 60 people submitted names and more than 50 people received at least one mention. If you still want to submit 4 names we will accept them through Friday, February 5 but then we must move on to asking our top vote getters if they want to serve in this capacity.

**Financial statements are available to pick up after worship today.
Please save us the postage of having to mail yours!**

2015 Annual Reports are available in the Narthex.



“Transfiguration of Christ” - Jyoti

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