

Order of Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Choral Song

Wesley

Steve McBride, organ

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

People: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Leader: Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

People: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Leader: Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

People: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Leader: Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

People: Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

Hymn

Open Up the Heavens

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain and you persisted in revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds; through your life of humble service.

**People: We hear again these wonderful words of God
"You are my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!"**

Leader: We confess our failure to listen to you

because of the influence on our lives of the gods of this world.
When this happens, our attitudes conceal
rather than reveal your glory and your love.

**People: Lord Jesus Christ,
cleanse our lives of all harmful attitudes of mind and heart
so that we reveal your glory
in and through all we do and say and are.
This we pray in your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"
who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
The good news is that we are not only enlightened by our belief in Christ,
we are cleansed and we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Scripture

Luke 9:28-36

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Metamorphosis

Rev. Wines

Reception of New Members

INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership and their sponsors.

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
Reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace give to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Will you who sponsor these candidates
support and encourage them in their Christian life?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these
persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments,

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
[the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.]**

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor addresses the persons coming into membership.

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to Christ through the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As a member of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presences, your gifts,
your service, and your witness?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,
I commend these persons to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,**

**we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,**

**that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The pastor addresses the new members:

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Offering

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and click "Make your online offering."*

Sending Forth

Hymn

I Come with Joy

Benediction

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Postlude

Rigaudon

A. Campre

Steve McBride, organ

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