



Woden Valley Uniting Church

Transfiguration Sunday 15 February 2026



We Gather as people of God

The Gong is struck three times

The gong sounds. We hold silence. We listen to the gong, calling us to gather, calling us to be present in this time of worship.

Prelude

Acknowledgement of Country

Lighting the community candle

Call to worship

Let's go up the mountain.
Let's go up to the place where the land meets the sky
where the earth touches the heavens,
to the place of meeting,
to the place of mists,
to the place of voices and conversations,
to the place of listening.

Hymn TiS 234 – How good Lord to be here!

Welcome

Opening prayer

O God,
We open our eyes and we see Jesus,
the months of ministry transfigured to a
beam of light,
the light of the world,
your light.

May your light shine upon us.

We open our eyes and we see Moses and
Elijah,
your word restoring us, showing us the way,
telling a story,
your story, his story, our story.

May your word speak to us.

We open our eyes and we see mist,
the cloud of your presence

The Passing of the Peace

Christ's peace be with you, ***And also with you***

Let us greet each other with signs of the peace of Christ.

Hymn: He came singing love

1. He came singing love
And he lived singing love; He
died singing love.
He arose in silence.
For the love to go on
We must make it our song:
You and I be the singers.

2. He came singing faith
And he lived singing faith; He
died singing faith.
He arose in silence. For
the faith to go on
We must make it our song:
You and I be the singers.

3. He came singing hope
And he lived singing hope; He
died singing hope.
He arose in silence. For the hope
to go on
We must make it our song:
You and I be the singers.

4. He came singing peace
And he lived singing peace; He
died singing peace.
He arose in silence. For the
peace to go on
We must make it our song:
You and I be the singers.

which assures us of all we do not know
and that we do not need to fear that.

Teach us to trust.

We open our eyes and we see Jesus,
not casting us off,
but leading us down, leading us out -
to ministry, to people.

Your love endures forever.

We open our ears and we hear your voice,
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him!'

And we give you thanks.

Amen

We Reflect on the Word for our time

Old Testament reading: Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 99 Responsive reading

Sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvellous things;

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

The LORD has made His salvation known,

and revealed His righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the House of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp, - with the harp and the sound of singing,

with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn- shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

let them sing before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Gospel reading: Matthew 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters— one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

A Reflection Transformed

Music for reflection

We Respond to the Word

Offering and Prayer

Prayers of the People

The care candle is lit

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who dwells within, All in all
In you I live and move and have my being.
Wholeness is your name
Your Kingdom is here and now.*

*Give us this day our daily bread
and help us let go of all grievances
as we extend our love to others.
Lead us not into illusions of separation
as you help us transcend our ego thoughts.
Surround us with your healing light
for you are eternal truth and love, forever. Amen.*

We Go out into the World

Hymn

God Beyond, Within, Between

Words: George Stuart Tune: St Magnus, TIS 378

Verse 1

God is beyond, within, between;
The now and what has been;
God in the future and before;
The ever wondrous 'More'.

Verse 2

God is beyond gods we create;
Ev'n those we venerate.
God is beyond what is beyond,
But still our hearts respond.

Verse 3

God is within, the force we know
In all life's ebb and flow,
In God we live and move and be,
And touch and taste and see.

Verse 4

And God we know is in between,
Involved but still unseen,
When fostering in you and me
A rich community.

Verse 5

God is within to sanctify;
Beyond to glorify;
God is between to beautify;
Of this we testify

Words of Blessing

As we leave this place, we go out into the world,
***we take with us the light of Christ,
we take the love of God
and we take the fellowship of the Holy Spirit who travels with us.***

Take your light and shine it brightly in the world, as Jesus guides you.
And as you do,
May you know the presence of God wherever you journey.
May Christ be your companion and may the Spirit lift up your life. **Amen.**

The Candles are extinguished

Postlude - *(a time for quiet reflection – please remain seated)*

'This week' at Woden Valley Uniting Church

Notices

Church News, joys and concerns, significant birthdays, anniversaries or events

Fellowship

Morning tea is now served. You are invited to share in the time of fellowship.

Thanks to John Schmidt for his Order of Service 19 Feb 2023 from which I have borrowed for this service.

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Opening Prayers thanks to Bill Loader: [A Prayer for Transfiguration Sunday](#)

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