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February 15, 2026 8AM and 10:30AM Worship
Transfiguration Sunday

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young

Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!

Welcome to Trinity United Church of Christ. It is truly a blessing that we all have gathered to worship together! Our Chancel Area is adorned with white paraments to celebrate the Transfiguration. If this is your first time with us, or if you have come to this sacred space your entire life, it is a blessing that we are all here together. Trinity truly believes that **whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!** To enhance your worship experience, we have large print bulletins and hearing support devices available. Please ask an usher or greeter for assistance. Enter to worship today, but stick around to see what God is doing in this place!

Please stand as you are able; **BOLD print - congregational response*

TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

Oh God, may the star we follow be the steady radiance of your mystery
which we discern only in part but can for ever trust.
We gather in the name of our Triune God, The Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

PRELUDE "Majesty"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Inspired by Psalm 99)

Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Holy One.
The Holy One is high on the mountain and exalted among the people.

Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Mighty One.
The Mighty God is sovereign, loves justice, and establishes equity.

Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Everlasting God.
The Everlasting God hears our cries and answers our call. Amen.

*PRAYER

**Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory.
You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a place
where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us
on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your Realm in the world.
Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen.**

***HYMN #182 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God, we find ourselves wanting to retreat from the harsh realities of life.
We can find ourselves lifted to high places and forget those we have left behind.
Our concern for our neighbor too often dissipates to the point of our discomfort.
Forgive us for wanting to dwell in your presence without being transformed
with new energy for the work of your ministry. Amen.**

(Moment for Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

When we choose to linger rather than enter hard or even mundane places,
God does not condemn us. With grace and compassion,
Jesus encourages us in the direction we should go. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:00am)
“O My Soul, Bless My Creator”
Speros Marinos

ANTHEM (10:30am)
“Be Thou My Vision”
Senior Choir

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART
Aurora borealis

SCRIPTURES 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN #183 “**Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain**” (*Remain Seated*)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883 The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ

**The only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

Jesus comes down to us as a gift of presence, compassion, and companionship.

His entire life is a demonstration of committed generosity and stewardship.

We too are called to present our lives as a gift to the God who has created us
and the world that needs what we have to offer in time, talent, and treasure.

Let us reveal the glory of God by the giving of our good gifts.

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #163 “Many are the Lightbeams”**

Many are the light-beams from the one light.

Our one light is Jesus.

Many are the light-beams from the one light;

we are one in Christ.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Generous God, may these gifts bring you glory
and honor and meet the needs of your people.**

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #43 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

***FINAL BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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Come Up and Down: Service Prayers for Transfiguration Sunday was written by
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ALTAR FLOWERS: Presented by Ruth & Terry Krietz.

TONIGHT: YOUTH VIDEO GAME NIGHT - 6:00pm – 8:00pm - Bring your favorite (less violent) Game and let's play!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH RUTH'S HARVEST 4:00pm at Lincoln Elementary School to pack the bags. Week-end meals are provided to elementary school age children who are served by the free lunch program during the week. Backpacks are packed and sent home on Friday with the children then brought back Monday to be filled again for the next week-end. **Look for the table and list of items needed in the Gathering Area.** Items due by Tuesday, February 17th. Monetary donations are accepted as well, envelopes are available in the Gathering Area and in the pews.

TRINITY'S BLESSINGS ROOM: Opens for the first time, on Monday, February 23rd from 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. Volunteers meet Feb. 23 at 9:00 a.m. to set up. We would love to have extra hands for both the set up and breakdown, and smiling faces to greet our neighbors. Please sign up in the Gathering Area if you would like to help. Please continue to bring in personal care products. Everything you use routinely, someone else does too. **A list of items is available in the Gathering Area.** Right now we have a limited number of incontinent supplies and could use more. Thank you for your contributions! **Social Concerns**

FEBRUARY IS FOOD PANTRY DRIVE MONTH. Every February, as a congregation, we collect food items and money for the Gettysburg Food Pantry. Over the past decades, the needs have not changed. Retirees and young families alike continue to experience food insecurity and come to the Food Pantry for help. Please fill our table. Don't forget to contribute to our monetary collection. Envelopes are in the pews and on the table in the Gathering Area. **Look for the table and a list of items needed is also in the Gathering Area.** The Food Pantry can purchase the bulk items every kitchen needs, at very reduced prices. Trinity is blessed in so many ways. Please share our blessings with others. **Please NO cleaning products, personal items or toys. FOOD only!** Thanks for your support! **Social Concerns**

POLISH POTTERY BINGO – April 25th. Reserve your tickets in advance by calling the church office with your name and how many tickets you need. Tickets will go on sale soon, and they go very fast!

PLEASE NOTE: SUNDAY, MARCH 1st – ONE SERVICE at 10:30am. Keystone Conference Regional Conference Minister Rev. David Ackerman and his wife Marsha will be visiting Trinity.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS – MARCH 8TH.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS 1 HOUR AHEAD!



LILY/TULIP ORDERS – Due by Wednesday, March 4th

Your name: _____

Number of Lilies (\$13.50)_____ Number of Tulips (\$12.50)_____

Payment Cash_____ Check_____

Make checks payable to TUCC. Include “Easter Flowers” on the Memo line.

Presented by: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

I will pick-up my lily/tulip_____ Deliver my lily/tulip to a shut-in_____

FLOWER CHART 2026: The chart is posted in the Gathering Area. Fresh flowers on the Altar are always a welcoming sight.

FROM THE HISTORY TASK FORCE: As we are preparing our display for our second "Thirty Year Plus Pastor" we would appreciate your memories of Pastor Howard S. Fox. No matter how small or large, your memory can help us get a full picture of Pastor Fox as pastor and person. Forms are available in Gathering Area.

5th SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: This year you may vote for Fifth Sunday Special Collections by marking your four (4) choices on the poster in the Gathering Area below the usher sign-up sheets. MARCH is the next Five Sunday Collection.

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ATTENDANCE 2/8: 8:00am 17 10:30am 33 On-line: 154 TOTAL: 204

FINANCE REPORT 2/8

Envelope Offering Need: \$22,272.00 Envelope Offering Rec'd: \$19,625.50
Property Fund Need: \$2,310.00 Property Offering Rec'd: \$607.50

THIS WEEK:

Today, 2/15: 6:00pm-8:00pm Youth Game Night - *Sanctuary*
Monday, 2/16: 9:00am – 12:00pm – Auditors/Financial Review-*Workroom*
Tuesday, 2/17: 1:15pm Spiritual Council 2:00pm Consistory
6:00pm CARES Dinner
Wednesday, 2/18: *Ash Wednesday*

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

4:00pm Ruth's Harvest packing day – Lincoln Elementary School
7:00PM **ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP with COMMUNION and ASHES**

Friday, 2/20: 9:30am Flutes – *Fellowship Hall*
11:30am Lunch with Friends @ *Heartland on Buford Ave.*
Saturday: Private Event – *Fellowship Hall*

Worship Participants

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young		Pastor
Jen Mickelson 8:00am	Joan Peck 10:30am	Liturgists
Sara Shank		Organist/Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh		Percussionist
Alison & Joe Lysitt 10:30am		Greeters
Jane Malone 8:00am	Catherine Hammonns 10:30am	Ushers
Bonnie Smith 10:30am		Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Russell Bailey,		Tech Team
Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Ruth Krietz, Terry Krietz, Garrison Redding,		
Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd, Bette Bunce, Chris Swinn.		

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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1. We have come at Christ's own bid-ding
to this high and ho-ly place,
Where we wait with hope and long-ing
for some to-ken of God's grace.
Here we pray for new as-sur-ance
that our faith is not in vain,
Search-ing like those first dis-ci-ples
for a sign both clear and plain.
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad-ows,
splen-dor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Mo-ses and E-li-jah mar-vel
as the heav-enly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts be-hold with won-der
how the Law and Proph-ets meet:
Christ with gar-ments drenched in bright-ness,
stands trans-fig-ured and com-plete.
3. Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo-ry,
fear-ful lest our faith de-cline,
We, like Pe-ter, find it tempt-ing
to re-main and build a shrine.
But true wor-ship gives us cour-age
to pro-claim what we pro-fess,
That our dai-ly lives may prove us
peo-ple of the God we bless.

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Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1991; alt.

1. Je-sus, take us to the moun-tain,
where, with Pe-ter, James, and John,
We are daz-zled by your glo-ry,
light as blind-ing as the sun.
There pre-pare us for the night
by the vi-sion of that sight.

2. What do you want us to see there,
that your close com-pan-ions saw?
Your di-vin-i-ty re-vealed there
fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go
matched to meet our dead-liest foe.

3. What do you want us to hear there,
that your dear dis-ci-ples heard?
Once a-gain the voice from heav-en
says of the In-car-nate Word:
“Lis-ten, lis-ten, ev-ery-one,
this is my be-lov-ed One!”

4. Take us to that oth-er moun-tain
where we see you glo-ri-fied,
Where you shout-ed, “It is fin-ished!”
where for all the world you died.

TRANSFIGURATION

Hear the stunned cen-tu-ri-on:

“This was God’s be-lov-ed One!”

5. We who have be-held your glo-ry,
ris-en and as-cend-ed Christ,
Can-not help but tell the sto-ry,
all that you have sac-ri-ficed;
Say with Pe-ter, James, and John:
“You are God’s be-lov-ed One!”

Matt. 17:1–8; Mark 9:2–8; Luke 9:28–36; John 19:30; Matt. 27:50–54; Mark 15:37–39

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling,
joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing,
all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion;
pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion,
en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it
in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
Let us all in you in-her-it,
let us find your prom-ised rest;
Take a-way our love of sin-ning;
Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
End of faith, as its be-gin-ning,
set our hearts at lib-er-ty.

3. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er,
let us all your life re-ceive;
Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver,
ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
You we would be al-ways bless-ing,
love you as your an-gels love,
Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing,
wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.

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JESUS CHRIST

4. Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion;
pure and spot-less may we prove;
Let us see your great sal-va-tion
per-fect-ly re-stored in you;
Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,
till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be
lost in won-der, love, and praise.

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27