



Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

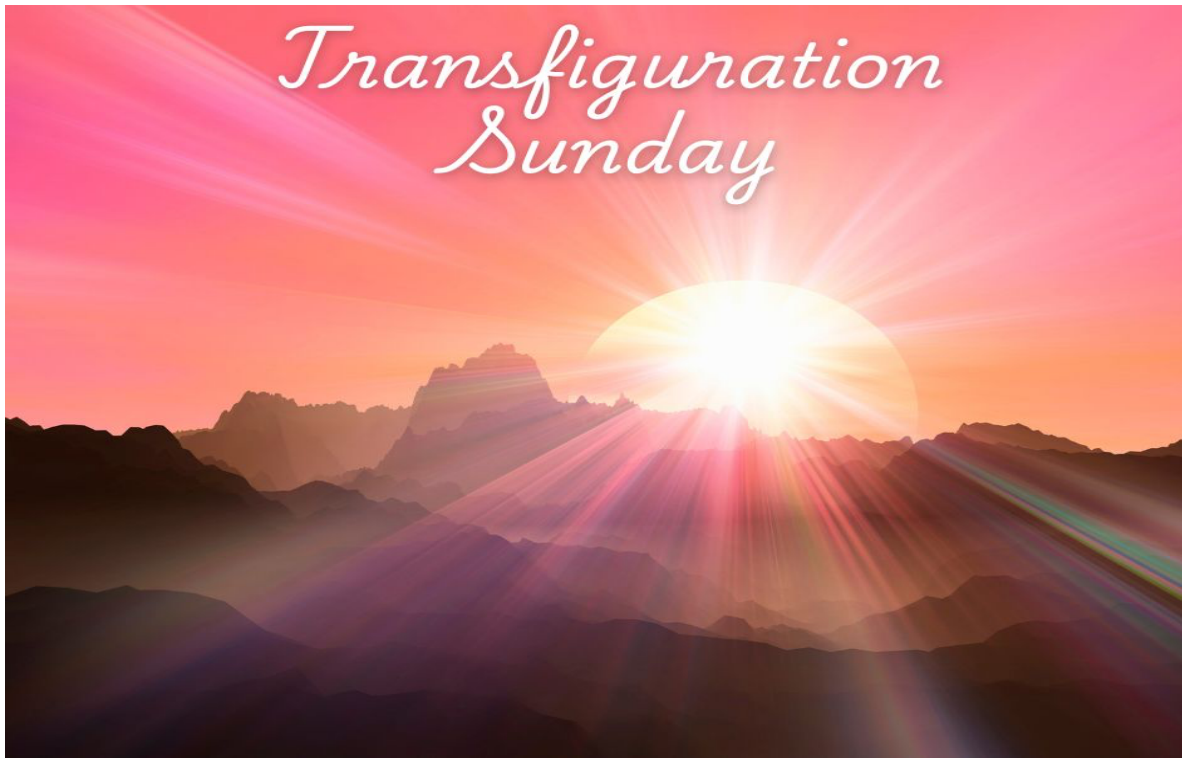
"We take the Bible seriously, but we don't take it literally."

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Welcome To Worship

March 2, 2025

9:30 a.m.



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

"Transformed by Love" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude:** *Love is Love is Love is Love*, by Abbie Betinis ~ Tippe Musicians

✧Welcome and community news

Southeast Clergy Association is collaborating on offering **worship services throughout the Lenten season**, and all are welcome:

- **Ash Wednesday services** are this coming Wednesday, March 5th at Christ Church UCC, 915 E Oklahoma Ave:
 - Noon – Community Worship
 - 5:45 pm – Potluck Dinner (bring a dish to share)
 - 7 pm – Community Worship

- **Lent Midweek Services** for five Wednesdays March 12 through April 9, at Christ Church UCC 915 E Oklahoma Ave. Serving a simple lunch at 11 am and worship at Noon.

- **Holy Week Community Worship Services**
 - **Maundy Thursday** April 17th, 7 pm at Tippe
 - **Good Friday** April 18th, 7 pm at Unity Evangelical Lutheran 1025 E Oklahoma Ave

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✧ **A Poem as we Center Ourselves in this Moment**

Dazzling

A Blessing for Transfiguration Sunday, by Jan Richardson

Believe me, I know
how tempting it is
to remain inside this blessing,
to linger where everything
is dazzling
and clear.

We could build walls
around this blessing,
put a roof over it.
We could bring in
a table, chairs,
have the most amazing meals.
We could make a home.
We could stay.

But this blessing
is built for leaving.
This blessing
is made for coming down
the mountain.
This blessing
wants to be in motion,
to travel with you
as you return
to level ground.

It will seem strange
how quiet this blessing becomes
when it returns to earth.
It is not shy.
It is not afraid.

It simply knows
how to bide its time,
to watch and wait,
to discern and pray

until the moment comes
when it will reveal
everything it knows,
when it will shine forth
with all it has seen,
when it will dazzle
with the unforgettable light
you have carried
all this way.

✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other - Our Check-in**

~ **The Joy of Passing the Peace** ~

One: May the peace that surpasses all understanding be with you

All: **And also with you**

One: Thanks be to God

✧ **Time for Young Hearts**

✧ **Gathering as God's People: ~ Transfiguration Sunday**

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, which concludes the season of Epiphany. I wonder how many of you have been contemplating the star word you received on Epiphany Sunday? How might this word continue to inspire you and guide you through the rest of the year? Throughout the season of Epiphany we have witnessed through our Bible Wisdom teachings the mystery of God revealed in Jesus Christ. We have focused on the abundance of love poured out for us, that we in turn are called to share with everyone we encounter.

As we prepare for Lent, which begins this coming week with Ash Wednesday, let us awaken to what is being revealed to us through the Transfiguration and open ourselves to transformation in the process.

✧ **Gathering Hymn 451 *Open My Eyes That I May See***

✧ **Opening Ourselves to God's Grace**

Radiant God, you shine with purity, power, and truth.

Your mercy reflects your compassion, your care, and your love.

Transform us into your image as we seek to follow you. Use us to make your presence known throughout the world.

In your name we pray, Amen.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

God of love, God of joy, God of life,

we come to you as a people hungry for good news.

We have been so dead to miracles

that we have missed the world's rebirth.

We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures

and have overlooked the joy you offer us.

We have been so concerned with making a living

that we have missed the life you set among us.

Sometimes it feels like we are walking alone

and don't know how to keep going on.

Help us open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gifts,

the little miracles that surround us each day.

Help us use our voices and hands to share these gifts with others.

Amen.

Adapted from "The Worship Sourcebook"

✧ **Special Music Love**, by Rumi, set to music by Rosie Rain, © 2012

Love came, and became
Like blood in my body, it rushed through my veins
And encircled my heart.
Everywhere I looked, I saw one thing.
Love's name written on my limbs,
On my left palm, on my forehead,
On the back of my neck, on my right big toe.
Oh my friend, all that you see of me
Is just a shell,
And the rest belongs to Love.

Our musicians are invited to sit among us as we prepare to hear the Word.

✧ **Prayer of Intention**

Holy Spirit, may we hear your gracious Word for us today. May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love as we open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the transformative message you have in store for each of us. Amen.

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching**

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that God had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the Sovereign to speak with God, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with God.

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were

terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

One: May we hear anew the origin stories of our faith and draw from the roots of our tradition.

All: Thanks be to our God.

✧ **Message “Transformed by Love”** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Reflection Questions** © Jan Richardson janrichardson.com

- Where does the story of Peter and John and James connect with your own? How are you navigating the journey that your own feet trace between the mountaintop and the flatlands?
- What do you find yourself tempted to cling to, and how do you practice letting go of it? Do you have habits and spaces that invite you to cultivate an openness to the new ways that God desires to work in and through you?
- Where and how do you practice the transfiguration that God seeks to bring in your life?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn 751 *From the Nets of Our Labor*** (Verses 1, 4, 5, & 6)

✧ **Our gifts of support**

Invitation to the Offering

In days of old, God was seen as far from the people. But we know Christ, and through Christ, we know God. When we share what we have out of love, our hearts grow closer to God, and we shine with Christ’s glory. Let us offer our gifts to God today.

Offertory Hymn 711 *Lord of All Good* (Verses 2 & 3)

Offertory Blessing

✧ **Prayers of the People**

Community Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

✧ **Hymn 527 *Eat This Bread*** (Option A)

✧ **Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread**

Communion of the People

Welcome

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! All are welcome and encouraged to celebrate the Lord's Supper together.

Peter and John and James went up to the mountain to pray. While they were praying, their whole world changed. They saw glory like they had never seen before.

You and I came to this holy place to pray. While we are praying here at this table, as we share in this feast God has prepared, may we see glory like we have never seen before.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You are with us in our mountaintop experiences as well as all that unfolds in the valleys of our lives. You are made known in the goodness and mercy that both leads us and earnestly seeks us. In your goodness, you comfort us with your presence and correct us when we wander. In your mercy, help us to remain awake and to respond to your call.

Jesus, the One who Loves, may we open our eyes to see who you truly are - the incarnate son of the Creator of all things. Refresh us and equip us to live into the love you bring so abundantly into our broken world.

Holy Spirit, come into this bread and this cup. Transform these ordinary objects as you change our hearts to shape and form your world with the joy you promise. Pour your grace upon us, so we might always see your glory. Transform us at this table, as we pray together:

✧**The Lord's Prayer**

**Dear One,
closer to us than our own hearts,
farther from us than the most distant star,
you are beyond naming.**

**May your powerful presence become obvious
not only in the undeniable glory of the sky,
but also in the seemingly base
and common processes of the earth.**

**Give us what we need, day by day,
to keep body and soul together, because
clever as you have made us,
we still owe our existence to you.**

**We recognize that to be reconciled with you,
we must live peaceably and justly with other human beings,
putting hate and bitterness behind us.**

**We are torn between our faith in your goodness
and our awareness of the evil in your creation,
so deliver us from the temptation to despair.**

**Yours alone is the universe and all its majesty and beauty.
So it is. Amen.**

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Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we have tasted the light of your love and seen your glory at this table. Now, transform us to find your glory in everyone and everything. This we pray in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✧**Benediction**

Led by the Spirit, go forth in God's love.
Illumined by the Spirit, shine with Christ's light. Amen.

Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.

✧**Our Response:**

***Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.
Your Word lives on in us.***

✧**Postlude** 747 *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth* ~Tippe Musicians