



Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
February 27, 2022

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

MUSIC STREAMED IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Fugue on the Kyrie - Dietrich Buxtehude
My Lord, What a Morning, arranged by Jay Althouse
Called As Partners in Christ's Service - NCH 495**
Vater User - JS Bach

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Today's service will be recorded.

One: Some holy mystery we call God

All: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus

One: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit

**All: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears
and prepare us to love the world.**

*OPENING PRAYER

Julia Clark

**O God, you are beyond words and description,
your love is beyond knowledge and explanation.**

Make our hearts ready to receive you.

Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration.

We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Rev. Alex Shea Will

Children and Youth are invited to attend Sunday School at this time.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

ONE: Here end the readings. Hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Alex Shea Will

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Reebee Girash

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Heather Hinton

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father (Creator), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Heather Hinton

OFFERTORY

My Lord, What a Morning, arranged by Jay Althouse (b. 1951)

Choir

*DOXOLOGY - #515 Pilgrim Hymnal (Red)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

or

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Heather Hinton

Bless these gifts, we pray.

**May they represent just the beginning of our journey
to show forth your glory to the world.**

Amen.

*HYMN Called As Partners in Christ's Service NCH 495

- 1 Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.
- 2 Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth.
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.
- 3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence,
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues free and fair.
- 4 So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace,
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-ter-ing, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Alex Shea Will

POSTLUDE

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Dot Bowe

*Please be in a posture of praise.

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Rev. Heather Hinton is the Pastor of Second Congregational Church of Winchester, UCC—and a chaplain at Lahey Hospital. Many of you have met Rev. Hinton in her chaplain role. Early on during CoVid, Pastor Reebee & Pastor Heather established a back up system for each other and our

congregations. We have offered pastoral backup during vacations and sick times, and we've enjoyed welcoming each other to worship.

A special thank you to **Julia Clark** for being our liturgist today, to **Doug Johnston** for being our Zoom host, and **Duncan Todd** for publishing the bulletin.

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