

PALGRAVE UNITED CHURCH

February 11, 2024

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION

Sing a New Song

Introit

Lighting the Christ Candle

Greeting and announcements

Territorial Acknowledgement

Indigenous Peoples have lived on and cared for this land throughout the ages. We recognize the personal and spiritual relationship they have with the land on which we gather and call home. We acknowledge the territory of the Anishinabek (a-NI-shi-NAA-bek), Wendat, Haudenosaunee (HO-den-o-SHOW-knee) and Ojibway (oh-JIB-way)/Chippewa (chip-HEY-wah) peoples and the land of the Metis (may-TEA). This land is part of the Treaty and Territorial lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

As treaty people, we honour and respect the Indigenous heritage and the long-lasting history of the land. We strive to continue to build and sustain respectful relationships with these Indigenous nations as we move forward on the path of reconciliation.

Call to Worship:

We come to worship God, who fills us with hope and prepares us to live with courage in a world where there is so much fear and despair.

We come to witness to Christ, our brother, friend, teacher, and saviour, who shows us the way of love when daily we are confronted with acts of selfishness, hatred and destruction.

We come to embrace the Spirit, by whose presence and power we are renewed when we feel disillusioned and discouraged.

May we experience God's power and glory in this time of worship and in every time and place.

Hymn:

We Are One VU 403

Gathering Prayers

God of grace and glory, you reveal your presence in the world in ordinary and spectacular ways. In the calm and quiet beauty of nature and the sounds and busyness of cities.

In our streets, homes, hospitals, prisons, churches, wherever we are, yours is the presence that pushes past our fears, yours is the touch that transforms our doubts, yours is the word that enlightens us, yours is the Spirit that empowers us, yours is the love that lifts us up and will not let us go.

We come before you to celebrate your goodness, to focus on your light, and offer you our praise, honour, and thanksgiving, for you are our God, and we are your people.

Now and always. Amen.

God of mercy and forgiveness, facing the light of your goodness, we confess all that keeps us from sharing that goodness.

We are at times distracted by the desire to have more than we need.

We often focus on our disappointments rather than trust the future you create.

We can become so discouraged by our failures that we lose sight the hope you hold out to us in Christ.

Forgive us, O God.

Transfigure us by your grace and shape us into disciples who confidently follow Christ's leading each day.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding VU 104

Scripture Readings: Psalm 50:1-6
Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: Would you just shut up for a while?

Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre VU 374

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ VU 468

Invitation

In the name of Jesus, who said: "I am the bread of Life", I invite you to come and eat.

In the name of Jesus, who said: "I am the true vine", I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of Jesus, who said: “Love one another as I have loved you”, I invite you to the table of love and grace.

Prayer

**Mighty and tender God, in Jesus, we recognize the fullness of your grace.
We see your light, life, and love revealed in words that confront and comfort us,
in teachings that challenge and change us, in compassion that heals and frees us.
And now we gather at this table to remember and to be filled with your love and grace,
that we may rise together to turn our worship into witness and to follow your way. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift up our hearts in prayer to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is Good to give thanks and praise.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, we praise you for your love revealed to us in Jesus, who walks with us, our wisdom and our way, sharing our joy and sorrow, guiding and strengthening us as we journey through life with its many challenges. You are our hope, and you are ever faithful.

So it is that we join with your people everywhere to proclaim your goodness and give you praise:

Holy, holy, holy God,

giver of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Blest is the one who comes to bring your love to all!

Hosanna through the ages!

Loving God, we offer you our praise and thanks for the invitation to share at Jesus’ table of love and grace.

Jesus showed us what life in community can be. He fed the hungry, sought out the lost and the forgotten, offered healing and hope to the suffering and distressed. He revealed your kingdom at work in the world.

On the last night he spent with his friends, he took bread, a staple food of his land, blessed and broke it, and gave it to those around him saying:

“Take and eat; this is my body broken for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took a cup of wine, the common drink of his people, poured it and gave it to

them saying: “Drink this all of you, this is the new covenant sealed with my blood, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.”

By remembering Jesus in this way now, we proclaim his grace, power and love.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Loving God, we seek your renewing presence.

Bless these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the body and blood of Christ; the sign and seal of our forgiveness in him, and our reconciliation with you.

As we eat and drink together, make us one with Christ and one in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesus is the bread of life, given for us.

Jesus is the cup of blessing, poured out for us.

In Christ, God brings healing and wholeness to our world. As we share this sacred meal, we remember and receive the love of God extended to us in Christ.

Let us celebrate the feast of our life in God.

Sharing The Meal

Prayer

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called us to feast at the table of Jesus.

Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us into the streets, to our homes and to our places of labour and relaxation; that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Offering

Hymn: How Good, Lord, to be Here VU 103

Benediction

Closing Chorus: Go Now in Peace / Besig & Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.