

# WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We are so happy to have you join us for this Service of the Lord's Day. We acknowledge this Sunday as Transfiguration Sunday.*

### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 99:1-5, 9)*

One: The Lord reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

**All: The Lord is Great in Zion, And He is High above all the peoples. Let them praise Your Great and Awesome Name – He is Holy.**

One: The King's Strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**All: Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His Footstool – He is Holy. Exalt the Lord our God, And worship at His Holy Hill; For the Lord our God is Holy.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN “The God of Abraham Praise” GtG 49 *(Verses 1, 2 & 4)*

1. **The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above,  
the Ancient of Eternal Days,  
the God of love!  
The Lord, the great I Am,  
by earth and heaven confessed,  
we bow before your holy name,  
forever blest.**

2. **Your spirit still flows free,  
high surging where it will.  
In prophet's word you spoke of old  
and you speak still.  
Established is your law,  
and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart  
by your strong hand.**

*(continued ...)*

4. **You have eternal life  
implanted in the soul;  
your love shall be our strength and stay,  
while ages roll.  
We praise you, living God!  
We praise your holy name:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought,  
and still the same!**

*Words: Moses Maimonides, 12<sup>th</sup> cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404;  
stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, ca. 1770, alt.; stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max  
Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt.  
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## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**"Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your Likeness and Image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen."**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His loving kindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

**\*SONG OF PRAISE:** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" GtG 582

- 1. Glory to God, whose goodness shine on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,**

**Refrain**  
**As it was in the beginning,**  
**Is now and ever shall be. Amen**

- 2. World without end, without end. Amen**  
**World without end, without end. Amen**  
**World without end, without end. Amen**  
**Refrain**

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## **THE PEACE**

**One:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*(From your seat, a brief sign of peace may be shared: a wave of the hand, a nod of the head, etc.)*

## **THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*"Eternal God, Your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear Your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on Your Promises in Scripture. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."*

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Old Testament:** Exodus 24:12-18 *(NKJV)*

**GOSPEL:** **New Testament** Matthew 17:1-9 *(NKJV)*

### **PRAYER FOR SERMON**

*"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."*

**SERMON** "Transform us, LORD!" by Rev. Paula Cooper

**\*HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" GtG 12

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,**  
**in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,**  
**most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,**  
**almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**  
*(continued ...)*

2. **Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above;  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**
  
3. **To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**
  
4. **Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles Creed” (Traditional)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the live everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Contemporary)

**Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Your Name,  
Your Kingdom come,  
Your Will be done,  
on earth as is in Heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the Kingdom, the Power  
and the Glory are Yours,  
Now and forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

*Invitation*

*Reflection*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord, use these offerings and us to partner with You in the building-up of  
Your Kingdom here on Earth.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" GtG 193 (*Verses 1, 3, 4, 5*)

**1. Jesus, take us to the mountain,  
where, with Peter, James, and John,  
we are dazzled by your glory,  
light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night  
by the vision of that sight.**

**3. What do you want us to hear there,  
that your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the voice from heaven  
says of the Incarnate Word,  
"Listen, listen, everyone:  
this is my beloved Son."**

*(continued ...)*

**4. Take us to that other mountain  
where we see you glorified,  
where you shouted "It is finished!"  
where for all the world you died.  
Hear the stunned centurion:  
"Truly this was God's own Son!"**

**5. We who have beheld your glory,  
risen and ascended Lord,  
cannot help but tell the story,  
all that we have seen and heard;  
say with Peter, James, and John:  
"You are God's beloved Son!"**

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**\*Standing if able.**