

Worship on Transfiguration Sunday
March 2, 2025

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Pastor
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

Prelude Op. 28, No. 20, in C Minor by Frédéric Chopin

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

In cloud and light God appears: the glory of the Lord shines around us.

A voice like thunder from heaven says, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.”

May God help us to see and hear his good news for us today.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us, with Christ, heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 103 “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we search for you in the grand and serene. We want to bask in your radiance and dwell with you in sanctuaries that shelter us from the sorrow of this world. We forget that you are also present in the ordinary. You give us a vision of the glory of Jesus and send us to proclaim the goodness of your law and live in your love. By your Spirit, help us to walk the path that Jesus prepared for us. Transform us into bold disciples, beacons of your light. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Exodus 34:29-35

New Testament Luke 9:28-36

Sermon

Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Hymn 405 “Seek Ye First”

Offertory “My Tribute” by Andre Crouch

Doxology 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

Holy God, your glorious light shone around Jesus as he prayed. Thank you for this glimpse of his divinity. The world may see just a humble teacher who died on a cross. Your Spirit gives us faith to recognize Jesus as the Savior of the world. Fill us with joy in sharing your good news, so that those who are far away will be drawn to you. We offer our gifts as a sign of our love. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

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 the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues.) ... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Prayer continues.) ... Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

(Prayer continues.) ... **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Sharing of the Elements and Prayer After Communion

Hymn 451 “Be Thou My Vision”

Benediction

Postlude "I'll Walk with God" by Nicholas Brodzky

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 2 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
You are welcome to join us for worship onsite or via live stream.

Tuesday, March 3 **Alcoholics Anonymous & Al-Anon** 7:00 p.m.
We are happy to sponsor this group that meets year-round. Meetings in fall, winter, and spring are held virtually via Zoom. Summer meetings are held via Zoom and in person occasionally at Union Chapel. To connect with the facilitator, email info@finyaa.org.

Wednesday, March 5 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Everyone is invited to participate. We meet in a hybrid format in the church Parlor and via Zoom. This week, we begin the new book *From Wilderness to Glory: Lent and Easter for Everyone* by N. T. Wright (Westminster John Knox Press, 2025).

Ash Wednesday Service at OLOG 5:30 p.m.
Father Mark O'Donnell and the Parish Council invited us to attend.

Thursday, March 6 **Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
This is a casual time for toddlers and adults to share fellowship.

Saturday, March 8 **Alcoholics Anonymous & Al-Anon** 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 9 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
Please join us to worship the Lord onsite or via live stream.

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*"Whoever you are and
wherever you are on your faith journey,
you are welcome here."*



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