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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025
10 o'clock

First Church of Christ Congregational
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PRELUDES *I Know The Lord's Laid His Hands on Me* Spiritual, Arr. by Patricia Cota
Amazing Grace NEWBRITAIN, Arr. by Patricia Cota
 The Whitechapel Handbell Choir, Jessica Berube-Sengupta, director

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Doey Barnett

One: We come together, a community of faith.

All: We have gathered to talk with and listen to our God.

One: Come with boldness to encounter our Creator.

All: May our faces shine with anticipation.

One: Our God has invited us to this moment of meeting.

All: Our spirits have been set free for worship and praise.

One: Let us praise God's holy name.

All: Let us share in the glory and the gift of life!

†HYMN 66

[*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*](#)

ST. DENIO

†OPENING PRAYER

God of grace, we celebrate this Transfiguration Sunday in which the glory of Jesus was revealed on the mountain with Moses and Elijah. May we who are gathered here worship you with unbridled hearts and unveiled faces. May we experience your presence and be transformed to live out your will in the world. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

[Exodus 34:29-35\(OT p.100\)](#)

†RESPONSE (HYMN 261)

[*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*](#)

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

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SERMON

On Again Off Again

Rev. Fredd Ward

† Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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.

HYMN 182

[*Transform Us*](#)

PICARDY

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

CALL TO OFFERING

We don't give because of religious obligation, or to pay down our debts. We give because we have learned to be thankful. Our gifts are expressions of gratitude.

OFFERTORY

Ave Verum

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The First Church Choir

†DOXOLOGY

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

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Glorious God, shine through these offerings we now return to you. May our gifts and our very lives bless your world and reveal your love. In gratitude, we pray.
 Amen.**

†HYMN 679

[*God the Omnipotent!*](#)

RUSSIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

[*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*](#)

DENNIS

POSTLUDE

Toccata in C Minor

Leonardo Leo

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!