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WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2022
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

“Just as the rays of the sun are not identical to the sun itself but participate in it, so the divine energies that permeate creation are not identical with the essence of divinity, yet they participate in it in a real way. Thus uncreated light in the form of energy illuminates the soul from within. The task is to come to *see* the light, to see the transfiguration of the cosmos that has taken place. The Transfiguration celebrates *our* increasing capacity to behold the divine light irradiating all creation.”

Wendy M. Wright

PRELUDE “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Charles Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God who said, “Out of darkness the light shall shine!”
**is the same God who made light shine in our hearts
to bring us the knowledge of God’s glory
shining in the face of Christ.**

Friends, we are now God’s children;
it does not yet appear what we shall be.

**What we do know is this:
When Christ is revealed, we will be like Christ,
for we shall see Christ just as Christ is.**

***HYMN 474 “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”**
(The music and lyrics can be viewed [here.](#))

**O splendor of God’s glory bright,
From light eternal bringing light;
Thou light of life, light’s living spring,
True day, all days illumining.**

**Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love,
Shower down Thy radiance from above,
And to our inward hearts convey
The Holy Spirit’s cloudless ray.**

**O joyful be the passing day
With thoughts as clear as morning’s ray,
With faith like noontide shining bright,
Our souls unshadowed by the night.**

**O Lord, with each returning morn
Thine image to our hearts is born;
O may we ever clearly see
Our Savior and our God in Thee!**

***OPENING PRAYER**

From our hearts, O God, we thank you for the day newly begun: for sleep behind us, light upon us, love around us; for the needs and hopes that we have in common with all people and for all that we hold in common with followers of Christ throughout the earth. God of darkness and dawn, shine into our lives at this hour. Awaken us with wonder; renew our hope and lift us above our despair. May we worship you now in spirit and in truth and serve you this day with gladness. Amen.

ANTHEM “Anthem for Transfiguration” arr. Paul W. Hofreiter

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

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.

Choral Response

SERVICE OF GIVING

Invitation

Offertory "Andante" Francis Linley

*Response

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

*Prayer of Dedication

(At this time, children are dismissed to attend Children's Church.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 34:29-35

PSALM 99

The Lord is Sovereign;
let the people tremble;

**the Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.**

The Lord is great in Zion
and is high above all peoples.

**Let them confess the name of the Lord, which is great and awesome;
the Lord is the Holy One.**

"O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

**Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,
and fall down before the footstool of the Holy One.**

Moses and Aaron among your priests
and Samuel among those who call upon your name,
they called upon you, O Lord, and you answered them.

**You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.**

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

**Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:28-36

SERMON “Where Are We Headed”

*HYMN 376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
(The music and lyrics can be viewed [here.](#))

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that second rest;
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Agincourt Hymn” John Dunstable

Minister:	The Rev. Bill Lovin
Director of Children’s Programs:	The Rev. Ann Molsberry
Organist:	Bill Crouch
Choir Director	Chris Nakielski
Office Manager	Jenn Harden

WE’RE GLAD THAT YOU HAVE JOINED US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING. We are putting the safety of both the vaccinated and the unvaccinated in our congregation and the community first. Masks are required for all people in all parts of the building. We will keep social distance in the pews. While there is no coffee hour, worshippers may talk with each other in Rockwood Hall as they leave.

WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICES AT 10:15 ON SUNDAY MORNING. You can join us online in real time at <https://vimeo.com/event/1424751>. This streaming address is the same each week.

RECORDINGS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICES are posted after worship on Sunday at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1547852>. The recordings remain up permanently, so you can watch past worship services at your convenience or recommend them to a friend.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES—If you would like to contribute flowers for the worship services on upcoming Sundays please call the office to let Jenn know or sign up on the sheet in Rockwood Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! Hosted by the Board of Christian Education on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Serving 6-7PM. Ash Wednesday service 7PM. REAL Maple Syrup, seating inside OR outside with a bonfire! Come eat breakfast for dinner with your church family. A Free Will Offering will be taken for expenses

CONGREGATIONAL UCC BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT WITH A SPECIAL ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. on March 2. This will be quiet service of music and prayer. Worship on the First Sunday of Lent, March 6, will include a celebration of the sacrament of communion.

THE CHURCH COUNCIL IS FORMING A SAFETY COMMITTEE to review building security and related issues. If you would like to be a part of this important work, please talk with John Fieselmann or call the church office at 319-337-4301.

THE SHELTER HOUSE BOOK SALE will be held March 26-27. Book donations and volunteer sorting have begun at the Old Antique Car Museum – 860 Quarry Road, Coralville. Our church has historically been a strong supporter of this sale. At the last sale we earned \$21,000 for Shelter House, working side by side with many other community volunteers. Please

begin to get your book donations ready! If you need someone to pick up your donations, someone from the volunteer team can come to your home. Donations can be dropped off at Rockwood Hall and a volunteer can take them to the sale site. John Fieselmann and Donna Hirst are members of the Planning Committee and can answer any questions you have.

THE ANNUAL NIGHT OF 1000 DINNERS, organized by the Johnson County Chapter of the United Nations Association celebrates International Women’s Day, March 8, 6:00 on zoom. This virtual event will feature multicultural music, dance, art, and spoken-word presentations and will honor three local women-led organizations advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals. They are Inside Out Reentry Community, Iowa City Compassion, and Open Heartland. All proceeds will benefit these groups plus the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased only at johnsoncountuna.org or by sending a check payable to JCUNA plus email address to JCUNA, 308 E. Burlington Street, #245, Iowa City, IA 52240.

Church Board Opportunities There are still some opportunities to serve the church on one of our boards. There are openings on the Membership and Stewardship boards. Please contact Barb Sisley at (319) 430-2694 or sisleywebb@aol.com if you are interested in or want more information about any of these opportunities.



Want to give online? Scan the QR code for our giving app.
Your giving makes a world of difference.



We’re joining with CommUnity Crisis Center to Spread the Love this month. Bring your donations of PB&J, etc., and put them in the BIG JIF JAR in Rockwood Hall. Thanks again!