



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (responsively): from the UCC Statement of Faith
Come, and let us make our journey together.

We join Jesus as he ascends the mountain.

There we will see Him in all his glory.

And we will exalt the Lord together.

*Hymn: *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* 182

*A Prayer of Gathering (unison):

Today as we ascend with Jesus up the mountain of Transfiguration, O God, open our eyes, ears and hearts to the vision You place before us. Drawing near to You, may we – like that trio of first disciples – be awed by your presence. Then may we be both transformed and strengthened for the journey that is before us, as we too, seek to follow the One we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Sung Response: *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* see insert

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

Look full at his wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

In thee light of his glory and grace.

A Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 17:1-13 p. 896

Handbell Anthem: *Holy Manna* [arr. Sandra Eithun]

A Reading from the Epistles: II Peter 1:16-18 p. 1109

Hymn: *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* 184
(sung to tune No. 300, *Jesus Shall Reign*)

Sermon:

THIN PLACES

Rev. Larry Balleine

Morning Prayers

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The **Lord's Prayer** (unison):

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, for ever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Sharing of gifts

*Response: *Now Thank We All Our God* (v. 1) 419

**Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done. In whom this world rejoices,
Who from our parents' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

*Prayer of Dedication (unison):

The gifts You bestow upon us, O Lord, are many. You have blessed us spiritually and materially. And from our hearts we offer You our praise and thanksgiving. Now may what we place upon your altar not only be blessed by You, but also be one expression of our gratitude and generosity – freely given, as You have freely gifted us. Amen.

*Hymn of Dedication: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* 76

*Benediction

*Benediction Response: *Now Thank We All Our God* (v. 3) 419

**All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,
To Christ, and Spirit, too, our help in highest heaven.
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was is now, and shall be evermore.**

Postlude

An asterisk (*) where those who are able should stand as an act of worship.
Hearing-assistance devices are available in the entrance near the canopy.

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Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

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The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment line in the lower staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

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Guest Preacher: Leading for the first, third and fourth Sunday's in February, Rev. Larry Balleine will be joining us again. Larry has filled in at Salem before for at the request of Rev. Mark Yurs. He brings 40 years of experience to the pulpit, the last 18 years as pastor of Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello. Larry is also a published author of a series of Christian novellas and plays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE

Lisa Hart will be providing emergency pastoral care during this time of transition. If you have a pastoral care emergency or need a hospital visit, etc, she can be reached at 608-438-1571.

NOTHING TO HIDE OPENING NIGHT IS TONIGHT!

5:00PM Photo Exhibit Opening, Information Fair, and Reception

6:30PM Keynote Speaker Autumn Forss, NAMI

Need a Ride, Offer a Ride: Please contact Sarah Pundt 608-692-3239 if you need a ride or if you are able to offer a ride to someone else.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Lisa Hart will lead a service for Ash Wednesday on February 22 at 7pm. We will hear music from the choir and share communion as we begin the season of Lent.

RECYCLE THE WARMTH

Each year families in Dane County turn to St Vincent de Paul for bedding and blankets to keep their children warm and to sleep comfortably. Last year the community donated over 3000 blankets. You can help our neighbors in need by donating new or gently used blankets and bedding to the bin in the fellowship hall.

Purchase new blankets at the St Vincent de Paul thrift store on Verona Ave or purchase blankets online at svdpmadison.org/event/rtw/

UPCOMING PULPIT SUPPLY

February 26	Larry Balleine
March 5	Youth Sunday
March 12	Lisa Hart

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