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**February 15, 2026 11:00am**

**Tower Chimes Janet Cook**

**Music to Gather: “Prelude and Fugue in F  
Major” Johann Sebastian Bach**

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**Welcome**

## Call to Worship by Ministry Matters

One: We are brought here today to glimpse the hope that Christ has for us.

**All: Open our hearts to receive that hope.**

One: We are brought here today to be healed of our fears.

**All: Heal us, Lord Jesus, with your love and power.**

One: Come, let us receive the vision and healing love of God.

**All: Praise be to God who continues to bless and restore us. AMEN.**

## **Hymn #182.....“ We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”**

### Profession of Faith

One: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here! Today we travel with Jesus to the mountain top and witness the transfiguration! May our hearts be transformed as well!

**All: Holy Lord Jesus, we are filled with awe as we remember your transfiguration. It**

## 182      We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1. We have come at Christ's own bid-ding  
to this high and ho-ly place,  
Where we wait with hope and long-ing  
for some to-ken of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new as-sur-ance  
that our faith is not in vain,  
Search-ing like those first dis-ci-ples  
for a sign both clear and plain.
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad-ows,  
splen-dor bathes the flesh-joined Word,  
Mo-ses and E-li-jah mar-vel  
as the heav-enly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts be-hold with won-der  
how the Law and Proph-ets meet:  
Christ with gar-ments drenched in bright-ness,  
stands trans-fig-ured and com-plete.
3. Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo-ry,  
fear-ful lest our faith de-cline,  
We, like Pe-ter, find it tempt-ing  
to re-main and build a shrine.  
But true wor-ship gives us cour-age  
to pro-claim what we pro-fess,  
That our dai-ly lives may prove us  
peo-ple of the God we bless.

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Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

**must've been incredible to be there on the mountain top with Peter, James, and John. Lord, as we look around at our community and ourselves, we cry out for transformation! Help us to be more like you! Help us to be transformed by your love! Let us grow closer to you each and every day. Amen.**

Confession Response ♫ Hymn #507, Verse 3

**O hope of every contrite heart,  
O joy of all the meek,  
How kind you are to those apart,  
How good to those who seek!**

Assurance of Grace

**One:** When we come before Jesus Christ professing our need for him, we will find Christ's presence in abundance.

**All: Jesus said, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."** -  
Matthew 28:20b

## Response to Words of Assurance ♫ Hymn #507, v 5

**Jesus, our joy, our greatest bliss,  
And you our prize will be;  
Our glory here and now is this,  
And through eternity.**

Scriptures Judie Guhl

## Reading: Matthew 17:1-9 (Pages 792-798)

## Reading 2: Revelation 1: 8-9, 12-17

(Page 1001)

## Congregational Response ♫ (aka prayer for grace)

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

***Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.***

## Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

Philip Doddridge (1702–1751); alt.

1. A-wake, my soul, stretch ev-ery nerve,  
and press with vig-or on;  
A heaven-ly race de-mands your zeal,  
and an im-mor-tal crown,  
and an im-mor-tal crown.
2. A cloud of wit-ness-es a-round  
holds you in full sur-vey;  
For-get the steps al-read-y trod,  
and on-ward urge your way,  
and on-ward urge your way.
3. For God's all-an-i-mat-ing voice  
still calls us to the race;  
And God's own hand still gives the prize  
with nev-er-end-ing grace,  
with nev-er-end-ing grace.
4. O Sav-ior, shown the way by you,  
I have my race be-gun;  
And, crowned with vic-tory, at your feet  
I'll lay my hon-ors down,  
I'll lay my hon-ors down.

2 Tim. 4:7–8; Phil. 3:12–14

## Children's Moment

Sermon: "Transfiguration" Rev. Becky Sausser

### **Hymn#491....“ Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”**

*(Note: Ushers will collect “Prayer Cards” during this time. Prayer cards are in the pews.)*

### Morning 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.**

Prayer Response ♫ Hymn #507 Verse 2

**No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
Nor can the memory find,  
A sweeter sound than your blessed name,  
Savior of human kind!**

Chancel Choir “Lift Me Up” Jill Gallina

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David Koskey and the community of  
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their time of grief and sorrow.)

Announcements Jeff Rissell

Offering

Offertory “Be Thou My Vision” Edward  
Broughton

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\* Doxology ♫

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* **Hymn #184.... “O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”**

\* Commission and Blessing

\* **Threefold Amen**

*Amen, Amen, Amen*

**Music to Go Forth**

“O Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair”

Stephen Gabrielsen

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## O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Latin, "Sarum Breviary," 1495  
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1. O won-drous sight, O vi-sion fair  
of glo-ry that the church shall share,  
Which Christ up-on the moun-tain shows,  
where bright-er than the sun, Christ glows!
2. From age to age the tale de-clare,  
how with the three dis-ci-ples there,  
Where Mo-ses and E-li-jah meet,  
they with the Christ God's fu-ture greet.
3. The law and proph-ets there have place,  
two cho-sen wit-ness-es of grace;  
The voice of God out from the cloud  
pro-claims the Hu-man One a-loud.
4. With shin-ing face and bright ar-ray,  
Christ deigns to man-i-fest to-day  
What glo-ry shall be theirs be-yond,  
who live with-in God's lov-ing bond.
5. And faith-ful hearts are raised on high  
by this great vi-sion's mys-ter-y,  
For which in joy-ful strains we raise  
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Luke 9:28–36; Matt. 17:1–5; Mark 9:2–7

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**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.**

**God is still speaking, ...**

**Serving St. John's...**

Rev. Becky Sausser ..... Pastor  
Lois Mease... Music Director and Organist  
April Riddick.....Custodian  
Jim Saylor.....Sunday Sexton  
And too many volunteers to list!

## **Office Hours**

Sunday: 9am-2pm

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