

# Congregational Church of Laconia United Church of Christ

**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**February 14, 2021 9:30 a.m.**

**Live Stream Worship**



**Meditation Thought** *“God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world.”* - Desmond Tutu

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome, Announcements and Lighting of the Christ Candle**

## **Call to Worship** (Responsively)

We do not know what to say,  
**For we are afraid.**  
But a cloud overshadows us,  
**And a voice comes to us—**  
“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”  
**Lord, we listen today!**

**Hymn** *“We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding”* # 182 New Century Hymnal

**We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,  
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,**

Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.  
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:  
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthen by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,  
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine,  
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,  
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

**Invocation and Lord's Prayer** (Unison)

God, you bring us together in this time,  
we come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding.  
God, you challenge us in this time and place,  
we embrace the challenge, trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.  
God, you are revealed in this place and the many places we find ourselves,  
sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and struggle.  
God as we worship today, refresh, renew, and challenge us  
so that we would see your awesomeness.  
As we strive to walk the path of discipleship and seek the way of Jesus,  
hear us as we pray in manner of Jesus:  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your 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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Music Offering** "Fantasy on Simple Gifts" (arr. Joseph Martin)  
Phil Breton, Organ Victoria Wood Parrish, Piano

**Scripture Reading** Mark 9: 2-9

**Message** "What Just Happened?"

**Music for Reflection** "Sweet Hour of Prayer/I Need Thee Every Hour"  
Phil Breton, Oboe Victoria Wood Parrish, Piano

**Pastoral Prayer** with Shared Joys and Concerns

**Hymn** "Forward Through the Ages" # 377 NCH

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;  
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,  
Manifold in service, one the sure reward.  
Refrain

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,  
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**Wide grows God's dominion, reign of love and peace;  
For it we must labor, till all strivings cease.  
Prophets have proclaimed it, teachers testified,  
Poets sung its glory, martyrs for it died.**

Refrain

**Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;  
In each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all.  
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,  
Move we on together to the shining goal.**

Refrain

### **Benediction**

#### **God Be with You**

**God be with you 'til we meet again  
By God's counsels guide uphold you  
With God's sheep securely fold you.  
God be with you 'til we meet again.**

#### **Postlude**



**Our altar flowers this week shared with us by LuAnn and Brad Geltz "for all our loved ones."**

## Announcements

**Welcome to our Live Stream Worship!** If you are worshipping with us online for the first time or started worshipping with us recently, introduce yourself to us by leaving a little note in the YouTube chat function! Also Let the Church Office know if we can help you in any way! 603-524-0668. Seeking to be the church God desires for us to be!

### 7:00 p.m. February 17



This year's Ash Wednesday Service will be offered via Zoom we are asking that if you would like to participate send Pastor Neil an email [neil@laconiaucc.org](mailto:neil@laconiaucc.org) You will be sent in the mail a packet with a Lenten Sticker for you to wear if you like and a copy of the Lent devotional "Promises, Promises." You will also be sent by email the Zoom link. It is promising to be a nice service with a good number of folks already signed up.

### February Devotionals Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Use the link here.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82657981590>

Meeting ID: 826 5798 1590

### Church office hours

Monday,  
Wednesday and  
Friday  
9 AM – 3 PM

**Prayer Requests:** *Please post prayers as early as possible in the comment area of the YouTube page.* In order for Pastor Neil to share them, they need to be received **before the end of the sermon.** Also, you may post your prayers on the Prayer Wall on the website and throughout the week, please remember to contact Pastor Neil if you have needs to share. While we may not be able to be together and pray by your side physically, we do want to be in prayer with you.



**GOT LUNCH! Laconia** has been selected by the Meredith HannaFord store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Fight Hunger Bag Program!

For the month of March 2021, GOT LUNCH! Laconia will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the HannaFord store located at 38 NH Route 25, Unit 5, Meredith NH.