



Transfiguration Sunday

**Lake Toxaway United Methodist Church
Community Worship Service
February 15, 2026**



*We have the closed hearing loop system.
You may be able to turn your hearing device to the "T" setting.*

***To allow all worshippers to reflect and prepare for the service,
please observe silence during the prelude.***

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Voluntary No. V Seth Bingham

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please respond with words in bold)*

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

We come to encounter God's glory revealed.

We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

We come to witness God's glory revealed.

We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about love made real among us.

We come to remember God's glory revealed.

We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN #173 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

OPENING PRAYER

UMH 259

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 24:12-18 *Moses meets God on the mountain*

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 99 UMH 819 *The holiness of God*
(Please respond with the words in bold.)

2 Peter 1:16-21 *Peter's eyewitness testimony of Jesus*

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17:1-9 *Disciples experience the glory of Christ*
(Please stand as you are able.)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking,

suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

L: This is the word of the Lord for the people of Christ.

P: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Let us offer our silent confessions.)

God of Mercy and Grace, you come to us in Jesus of Nazareth to break down the dividing walls of hostility between us, yet we maintain walls that separate and isolate. You give us the ministry of reconciliation, yet we nurse our wounds and withhold mercy and forgiveness. You invite us to join with Peter, James, and John on the mountain of Transfiguration, yet we deny the wonders you have worked in our own lives. You ask us to acknowledge and share our wealth, yet we refuse to recognize and relieve the poverty around us. You bless our lives with boundless love, yet we fail to witness to that love, and so keep others from knowing you. Forgive our selfishness, we pray. Transform us by your Spirit and your Word into that which pleases you, that we may live in the image of Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus admonished Peter, James, and John not to tell of what they witnessed on the mountain until he was resurrected. But we can tell what we have seen and heard of God's glory! Here is the good news: Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven! **In Christ, we have become God's beloved children. And through him, we are forgiven and freed. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

HOMILY

STATEMENT OF FAITH # 881 The Apostle's Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

GLORIA PATRI #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

HYMN #258 O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

OFFERTORY

O How Blessed Are the Faithful Spirits Johannes Brahms

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<https://www.wnccumc.org/online-donations-to-churches>

DOXOLOGY #95

(Please stand as you are able)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy and Glorious God, you meet us in moments of mystery and transformation, calling us to listen, to follow, and to give ourselves in love. As we offer these gifts, we confess our impatience with waiting and our longing for clarity, even when you speak from the cloud. Let these offerings be more than habit; let them reflect the light of Christ we have glimpsed on the mountaintop and the hope we carry into the valleys below. Use them—and us—to shine your love where shadows linger, until all your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain *(see insert)*
(Please stand as you are able)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Improvisation
(Please be seated)

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

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**Coffee Hour hosts and flowers needed in March and April. Please see sign-up sheets on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Thank you to all who volunteer!*
Some liturgical selections are adapted from umcdiscipleship.org resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday Worship with imposition of ashes will take place this Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30pm. Let us gather together as we begin our journey through the season of Lent.

The flowers on the altar are offered by Jim & Beth Holimon and Fred & Paula Markert in praise of the glory of God and all his wonderful works.

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 8:45 am in the Minnich Conference room on Sundays, prior to worship. All are welcome! This is a 'come as you can' Bible Study and a study guide is provided. Don Henderson facilitates this group. Please reach out to him if you have questions at bacpac@comporium.net.

The Prayer Ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM. Prayer requests may be mailed to LTUMCPrayerRequests@gmail.com.

AA Meets Every Thursday Night at 4:45 PM in the Dice Hall. To honor anonymity, please do not go to the Parish building from 4:00-6:00 PM.
