

Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ
an Open and Affirming Congregation
Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 2026

 **Reflection** - *“All our experiences have the potential to change us. The critical moments shape us, the tender moments bless us, and every moment makes us who we are.”*
~ The Center for Progressive Renewal

“God does not die on the day when we cease to believe in a personal deity, but we die on the day when our lives cease to be illumined by the steady radiance, renewed daily, of a wonder, the source of which is beyond all reason.”
~ Dag Hammarskjöld

 **Piano Prelude**
 **Announcements / Lighting the Candle / Welcome to Worship**
 **Piano Introit**

 **Call to Worship**
One: God touches the world,
Many: and all is changed.
One: God touches us,
Many: and we are transformed.
One: On mountain,
Many: in valley,
One: in brightness,
Many: in shadow,
All: everywhere, God’s love shines.
One: As we leave the mountaintop,
All: we go to follow Christ,
carrying God’s light into the journey ahead.

 **Hymn NC #182** *We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding*
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 in 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.

Strengthened 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.

 **Unison Prayer of Invocation**
Holy God of light and glory, we gather this morning, drawn by your presence. Open our eyes to recognize your glory shining around us in the stories of faith we tell, in the faces of those beside us, and in the words that shape our lives. Send your Spirit among us now. Still our restless minds, quiet our need to grasp or explain, and give us the grace to listen. Speak to us, in cloud and clarity, in wonder and in trust so that we may hear your voice, know ourselves as your beloved people, and be changed for the journey ahead. Amen.

 **Gloria SL #9**

 **Anthem** *Enter His Gates with Songs of Thanksgiving*

 **Moment for All Ages**

 Scripture Readings	Exodus 24:12-18	p. 87
	Matthew 17:1-9	p. 22

 **Message**

↑ **Hymn NC #1** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Not wanting not wasting, but ruling in might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Your life is life-giving – to both great and small;
In all life you're living, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves and as flowers,
Then wither and perish – but naught dims your powers.

So perfect in glory, so brilliant your light,
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
All praise we now render as your angels do,
In awe at the splendor of light hiding you.



Prayers of the People – Help/Thanks/Wow

One: Now we come to the time where we lift up
our prayers of Help, Thanks, and Wow.
Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Does anyone have any prayers they would like to lift up?

After each individual prayer request...

One: Loving and beloved God; **Many: Hear our prayer.**

Prayer List

One: Let us read the first names of those on our prayer list.

Prayers of healing and hope for...

AMANDA & SKYLAR Ghali, niece & grandnephew of Kevin O'Keefe

ANITA Hickey, member of the congregation

MARGERY Shaw, friend of the congregation

BRIAN Cooper, son of Lynn Cooper

SOPHIA Clark, daughter of Seth and Denise

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer using any version you wish

 **Response:** Hear our prayer O Lord, hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

Offerings of the People – Time, Talents, Treasures, and Testimonies

 Piano Offertory

↑ **Response SL #40** *We Praise Thee, O God*

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee.
We bless Thy holy name; glad praises we sing.



↑ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God of light and transformation, receive these gifts of our time, talents, and resources as our response to your love. Touch them and transform them, so that your light and mercy may shine through them. As we leave the mountaintop, send us into daily life changed, ready to listen, to serve, and to follow Christ wherever he leads. Amen.



↑ **Hymn** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining,
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance,
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

As we gaze on your kindly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me

*Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

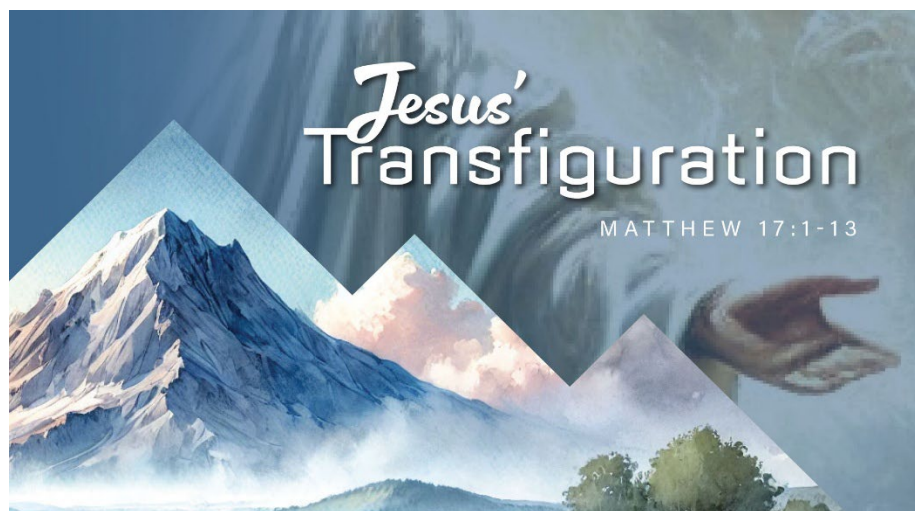
↑ 🙏 **Benediction / Passing of the Peace**

↑ 🎵 **Cong Response SL #785** *God Be With You*

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you;
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

↑ 🎵 **Piano Postlude**

↑ *Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.*



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Worship Participants

Ministers -	People of the church
Minister -	Rev. Carol Smith
Greeters -	↑ Lorraine and Kevin O'Keefe ↓ Pat Miller
Lay Reader -	Bud Geary
Pianist -	Michele Feldheim
Zoom Tech-	Bob Miller
Coffee Hour -	Charlotte Wood and Marion Miller
Flowers -	In honor of our wedding anniversary by Marion Miller

This Week at the Church...

Today -	Big Y Gift Card pick-up
Mon 7pm -	Property
Wed/Fri/Sat -	Food Pantry - see website for hours
Wed 6pm -	WOW
Wed 7pm -	Ash Wednesday Service in Southampton
Thurs 7pm -	Choir
Friday 7pm -	AA
Saturday 7-1pm -	Habitat Benefit at Steve's Sugar Shack

Birthdays...

February 16 ★-	James Carriveau, Mike Raymond, Ian Stith
February 17 ★-	Deb Dalton
February 18 ★-	Annie Ericson
February 19 ★-	Becky Alexander