

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 3, 2019, 11:00 am

Transfiguration Sunday

* Please rise in body and/or spirit

Music as We Gather

Gathering

* Clergy & Choir Enter

* Lighting of the Christ and Outreach Candles:

One: This is only a candle, but...*it is a candle.*
Think of the possibilities when a flame touches it:
it is transfigured, it is transformed, it is radiant,
it chases away shadows and darkness;
by its light we become aware,
we can read, we notice others,
we can work for justice, we can discern a pathway.
It is the same with our lives:
we may think we are nothing special,
but when we are touched by the Spirit of God,
we are transformed from dull wax
into a glowing beacon.

**All: We light this candle to remind us that the
transfigured Christ is also the transforming Christ.**

* Choral Introit: "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship:

One: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

All: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

One: But Christ calls us to the mountain top for a new vision.

All: But what if we are not sure we are ready for that?

One: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

**All: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision
he places before us. Amen.**

* Hymn: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" VU #651

* Opening Prayer:

One: Radiant Lord, you shine with purity, power, and truth.

**All: Your mercy reflects your compassion, your care, and
your love.**

One: Transform us into your image as we seek to follow you.

**All: Use us to make your presence known throughout the
world. Amen.**

Listening

Minute for Mission

Children's Focus

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn: "We Have This Ministry" VU #510

Scripture Readings: Exodus 34:29-35
Luke 9:28-36

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Just a Little Talk"

Sermon: **Shining Faces & Thin Places**

* Hymn: "Oh a Song Must Rise" MV #142

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts and Food Bank Donations

* **Offertory:** "Your Work, O God, VU #537, v1
 Needs Many Hands"

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Generous God, it is through you that we have this ministry—the ministry of our talents and treasure, the ministry of our passion and purpose. Strengthen our hearts for your service and accept the grateful offerings we lay before you. Amen.

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" VU #375

* **Commissioning:**

One: Let us go out knowing we never walk or pray alone...

All: those faithful to Jesus walk and pray with us.

One: As we leave this place, let's find our thin place,

All: we will find that place where God feels near.

One: And where ever we are...

All: God will always see our shining faces.

* **Benediction**

Choral Amen

Music as We Depart