

# Bethany United Church of Christ

March 2, 2025

## Transfiguration Sunday

As you prepare your heart for worship it might be helpful to read through the call to worship and the prayer of confession and think about them.

Prelude and Bell Ringing  
Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Call to Worship (from Psalm 99)

Leader: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

**Congregation: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

L: The LORD is great; he is exalted over all the peoples.

**C: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!**

L: Exalt the LORD our God;

**C: worship at his footstool! Holy is he!**

L: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**C: for the LORD our God is holy!**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise #263 "A Mighty Fortress"

Call to Confession

Unison Confession of Sin

**Heavenly Father, forgive us. We go through life supposing we are disciples of Jesus, when in fact we do not put forth the effort we should. We neglect many parts of true discipleship without ever realizing it. Our "sins of omission" are more than we know. Forgive us, and fill us with your Holy Spirit. Help us to commit ourselves anew making our relationship with you stronger each day. Help us to be better disciples of your Son Jesus Christ. We pray this in his name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*GLORIA PATRI

Invitation to the Children (Jesus Loves the Little Children)

Children's time

*Pre-K to Grade 2 children dismiss to church entryway for Sunday School*

## Scripture

Old Testament lesson - Daniel 10:1-21

New Testament lesson - Mark 9:14-29

## Sermon "First Things First"

\*Hymn of Preparation #34 (SS) "How Great Thou Art"

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

## Offering, Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Commitment #170 "Have Thine Own Way"

\*Charge and Benediction

**Amen! We go forth to serve.**

\*Choral Response: "God Be with You" #177 (SS) (v. 1)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - Rev. Darwin Smith

Women's Fellowship will meet this Wednesday, March 5, at 1:30 p.m. The program will be presented by Rogene Roskamp. Audene Schrader will be hostess.

The joint Ash Wednesday service is at 7 p.m. this Wednesday, March 5, at Bethlehem UCC in Sutter.

Warsaw Presbyterian Church will have a World Day of Prayer service this coming Friday, March 7, beginning with brunch at 10 a.m. downstairs, followed by the service upstairs, with music, worship, and fellowship. The church has a ramp and elevator. Please RSVP with Elma Stoll if you plan to attend.

The March-April Upper Rooms are available in the entryway.

The Maundy Thursday service will be here at Bethany UCC in Tioga at 7 p.m. on April 17. The Good Friday service will be at Bethlehem UCC in Sutter at 7 p.m. on April 18.

Women's Bible Study will continue studying "Prayer" on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATES:

Ash Wednesday at Bethlehem: Wednesday, March 5, 7 p.m.  
Confirmation/Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday at Bethany: Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m.  
Good Friday at Bethlehem: Friday, April 18, 7 p.m.  
Church moves to 10 a.m.: Sunday, June 1, and weeks after  
Bible School: Friday, June 27  
Retreat House Sunday: Sunday, July 20

Randy Roskamp is greeter today, Marian Bland next week. Thanks to the greeter, Rev. Smith, the musician, AV tech - all who helped with the service.

WELCOME ALL! If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register and come again.

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