

February 11, 2024  
**TRANSFIGURATION**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Welcome Statement** *(Printed on the bulletin insert)*

**Silence** *...a time to breathe...*

**Prelude and Bringing in the Light**

**Call to Worship** (Worship Ways, UCC)

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting

**People: God speaks to us and summons us.**

Leader: God gathers us in covenant,

**People: God's glory shines forth.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* 1<sup>st</sup> Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* (NCH #451)

• **Prayer (Unison)**

Holy One, you have called us to yourself. Our only response, inadequate as it may be, is to turn your way. You have called us to each other. Our response, as far as we can manage it, is to be loving and kind. You have called us to our neighbor. Our best response, as much as we are able, will be compassion, understanding and generosity. And you have called us to the Creation where the necessary response now is a caring conservation and a holy frugality. When we fail to hear your call, open our ears. When we fail to heed your call, open our hearts. Make of us grateful reflections of your goodness we pray. Amen.

**Promise**

*There is no sin you can confess for which you have not already and long ago been forgiven. This is the gospel for you today – the good news by which we are made whole and for which we say...*

***Thanks be to God!***

\* **Sung Response**

*Breathe on me breath of God; fill me with life anew  
That I may love what you do love, and do what you would do.*

**Invitation to the Table**

Without exception, everyone is welcome at this table. So if you're hungry, or even just curious, please come and taste.

**Kid's Time**

**Choir Anthem**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading** **Mark 8:27-33**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** **Mark 9:1-10**

**Sermon** *Metamorphosis*

**Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer**

**Offering** *"...Therefore I tell you, do not worry..."* Mt 6.25-30

• **Sung Response**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow...*

• **Gratitude Prayer (Unison)**

We bring these gifts out of gratitude, Loving God, for your bountiful Creation and your boundless generosity. Use what is given to bless your people everywhere. Use all of us to be the blessing you desire all the world to know. Amen.

\* **Closing Hymn** *In the Bulb there is a Flower* (NCH #433)

\* **Benediction** *Grace*

*Love*

*Fellowship—*

*Always!*

• **Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Liturgists:** Scott and Christy Kinnamon

**Radio Sponsor:** Jane Litscher, in honor of Lucinda and Lloyd Gruber's anniversary.

### **First UCC Welcome Statement:**

*"Come to me," Jesus said, "all who are weary..." (Matthew 11:28)*

This is what "Everyone Is Welcome!" means *to us*: Whoever you are, whatever your story, however you identify, whomever you love, we would value your friendship and welcome you into our community. Every part of you is precious to God, and all of who you are is welcome at First United Church of Christ. So come to worship and to be nourished by the bread and cup at the Jesus' table. Stay to serve Sauk City and beyond. We are looking forward to getting acquainted.

**If you would like to sponsor** a radio broadcast call the church office at 608-643-8387 to check on available dates. Cost is now at \$90.00/week. Your support of this important ministry is much appreciated.

Here are the available dates for February and March:

Feb 18: Lois Pieper

Feb 25: **Open**

Mar 3: Sharal Steuber

Mar 10: Steve & Marcy Thurwachter

Mar 17: **Open**

Mar. 24: **Open**

Mar 31: **Open**

**Here at First United Church of Christ the Communion table** is open to everyone. The bread is home made and we have grape juice in the cups. So if you are a deep believer, or just curious, or maybe just a little bit hungry, come to the table to taste and see the grace of God.

**Address Changes**—If your phone number, mailing or email address changes please send the new address to the church office so we can keep our records up to date.

**From Members in Ministry**—if you know someone who would benefit from a visit or phone call, or who would like to receive Communion in their home, please let Debbie Tschudy know. Call her at: (608) 963-4873.

**From our Stock the Schools campaign—suggested donations for February:** *Food items:* Individual fruit cups. *Supplies:* NEW brushes, combs, headbands and barrettes. Please drop your donations off in the red tote outside the educational doors during office hours (Monday—Friday, 8am—Noon) or inside during Sunday worship. Thanks for your help.

**Our Ash Wednesday Service** will be this Wednesday, February 14, at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. See the insert in this bulletin for more information on our Lenten schedule for this year.

**New address for Nettie Gander and Lilas Rabine**

**Get Well Cards for Nettie can be mailed here:**

Nettie Gander

751 E Highland Drive Apt #204

Oconto Falls, WI 54154

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Card Party for Nettie (February 24<sup>th</sup>)**

**Cards can be mailed here:**

c/o Gayle Gander

253 North Washington Street

Oconto Falls, WI 54154

**Send a card to Lilas Rabine at her new address:**

Lilas Rabine

Harvest Guest Home

875 West Side Drive #8

Richland Center, WI 53581

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**2nd Scripture Reading:****Mark 9:1-10**

And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.'

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