

# Saint Andrew's United Church

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*We are called to be the united church. Mission is our home. We foster belonging; provide spiritual accompaniment; and ask the deep questions.*

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## Transfiguration Sunday

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

++ Please rise in body or spirit

MV = More Voices; VU = Voices United;

TLUS = Then Let Us Sing

### **PRELUDE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREETING:**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

*We worship on the unceded territory of the Halq'eméylem-speaking peoples.*

### **CANDLE LIGHTING:**

### **WE WELCOME EACH OTHER**

Beloved of Christ, come into this place.

**Join your siblings in worship;**

**join your fellow pilgrims on the Way.**

You who are weary and weighed down by grief,  
clinging to hope, come.

**Join a God who is present in our grief  
and made known on the cross beside us.**

You who are sickened by the misdeeds of the powerful, come.

**Witness the mundane transfigured in glory,  
the humble honoured by the divine.**

Come and pray. Come and wonder.  
**Come and hope. Come and rejoice.**

**AND WE CENTRE IN GOD:**

You have called us, like Moses, to the mountaintop.

**Like Moses, we both fear and desire your presence.**

Give us your presence, God.

**Fill us; delight us; honour us; challenge us.**

Show us the view from the mountaintop.

**Show us your vision of justice and mercy.**

Send us back into the valley

**to live and proclaim your dream and your hope.**

++**HYMN:** VU 210 – “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

**WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:**

After the river, after the desert, after the city,

**the lights come on at the mountaintop, O Spirit.**

After the synagogue, after the wedding,

after the crowds,

**your voice is heard by only a few, O Love.**

After the sick child, after the woman at the well,

after the authorities,

**you gleam with Holy Light in nighttime prayer,  
O Christ.**

We confess our limitations, Holy One.

**We aren't sure that your love can transfigure everyone.**

We have our categories, our beliefs, our biases.

**Shine your light here, we pray.**

Let us receive the voice of Love

expressing pleasure with each one, each kind.

Let us recognize Holy Love in all others,

**and leave the mountaintop transfigured ourselves.**

*[Silent Prayer]*

**AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:**

The Holy Mystery, to whom everyone matters,  
forgives us and makes us new.

- Written by Robin Wardlaw, *gatheringworship.ca*.

**WE RESPOND:** VU 79 – “Arise, Your Light is Come” v 4

**Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing;  
God’s power will make us strong.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**SCRIPTURE: Reader: Bill Elliot**

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

Matthew 17:1-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**++HYMN:** “When the World is Controlled by Petty Tyrants”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE**

**AFFIRMING OUR FAITH:** A New Creed

**PASSING THE PEACE:**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER VU 960

### MISSION AND SERVICE STORIES:

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

Let us present our offering to the work of God.

#### ++OFFERTORY: "These Gifts We Bring"

These gifts we bring with grateful hearts,  
to reconcile, make new.

Gather us in grace, show us the way,  
to live our lives in Truth;  
to share Your love in all we do.

*The offering is brought forward.*

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

The magi perceived your star;  
the disciples followed your Son;  
the early Church received your revelation.

**Like those before us,  
we receive your gifts  
and offer them to your world.**

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

It is right, God, to give you thanks,  
and to celebrate, here at your table.

## **Alleluia!**

We give you thanks for your love.

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with you and with each other.

**In that relationship, we were changed.  
In that relationship, you were changed.**

Sometimes, afraid, we ran away from you.

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through the teachings of the grandmothers  
and the grandfathers.

**Through that love you were changed.  
Through that love we were changed –  
and, each time, we are made new.**

Thank you, God of life!

## **Alleluia!**

When the time was right,  
you sent Jesus, your Love made human –

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By his gifts we were set free!

## **Alleluia!**

Therefore we praise you, made known in him:

**SANCTUS** [*singing:*]

**O holy, holy holy God,  
God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above  
bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heavn'n,  
creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the one one who comes  
and bears your name always!**

On the night before he was put to death,

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and gave it to those gathered, saying,

**“This is my body, given for you.”**

He took a cup of wine, blessed and lifted it,  
and gave it to those gathered, saying,

**“This is my blood, my promise to you,  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Each time you eat bread,  
each time you drink from the cup,  
remember me.”**

And so we remember him.

And so we remember the mystery of our faith:

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** [*singing:*]

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again!**

Come, Holy Spirit, set your church on fire.

**Bless this bread and this cup,  
with your holy love,  
with Christ's holy love,  
with the Creator's holy love,  
that it, and we, might be changed; made new;  
transformed by love into a new people,  
into new life.**

The bread of life; the cup of salvation.  
The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**THE GREAT AMEN:** *[singing:]*

**Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!  
Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen!**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION:** MV 199 – “When at This Table”

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**++HYMN:** “God, Give Us Eyes to See Your Reign”

***WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD***

**++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**EXTROIT:** VU 679 – “Let There be Light” v 1,5,6

**END OF WORSHIP**

**BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY**



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of Affirming United***

