



Date: February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday
Theme: Jesus' Transfiguration

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

Musician: Linda Kneeland

Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie

(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

• **Shrove Tuesday Annual Pancake Supper:** at St. George Anglican Church, on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 (from 5 to 7 pm) \$10 per person, \$25 per family.

• **40 days of Giving:** Starting on Ash Wednesday (February 18)

Stettler, Big Valley and Erskine United Churches

are asking their congregations to make a donation on each day of Lent. The contributions will be presented and blessed on Easter Sunday. The "vessel" can be (sock, glass jar, pretty box) anything you like. The donations will be given to a global crisis (to be determined ~ Eg: Ukraine conflict)

• **Lent Series ~ Starting February 20th @ 1:00 pm,** join us for the first of our 6-week lent series, Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living.

Friday gatherings will include

- Sing along
- Video presentation of The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, about food and spiritual life.

• **We will use the devotional book** "Bless, Break, Share: Recipes for Faithful Living, for our weekly spiritual talk.

If you wish to order the devotional book, please let Michele know ASAP, so we "hopefully" receive it for the start off the series. If we order 5 or more, we get a 20% discount.

• **Lent Dates ~ Palm Sunday:** March 29 (Joint Worship Service at 10 am at Stettler United Church)

• **Holy Week:** March 29 ~ April 4

- **Good Friday Service:** at Erskine United Church on April 3 at 10 am
- **Easter Sunday Service:** at Big Valley United Church at 9 am and at Stettler United Church at 11 am on April 5
- **Annual Congregational Meeting** ~ Sunday March 01 after the worship service
- **2 host homes are** needed for the upcoming Watoto Children's Choir. One for one adult and one child, and one adult and 2 children. Please see Eloise for information.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

Building…

Building up…

Building up strong…

Building up strong takes a sturdy foundation.

Raising…

Raising up…

Raising up strong…

Raising up strong takes wisdom and passion.

Growing…

Growing up…

Growing up strong…

Growing up strong takes love grounded in God.

In our faith, may we build, raise, and grow.

In our worship, may we find our foundation, our wisdom and passion, our love grounded in God and rooted in Christ who reigns in our lives!

Alleluia!

Alleluia! May it be so!

Richard Bott, Grace U.C., Burlington, Ont. Gathering, Advent Christmas Epiphany 2025-2026, 49. Used with Permission.

Light the Christ Candle

We believe Jesus shines with the glory of God.

At the transfiguration, three disciples experienced Jesus shining and radiant. We were not there to experience the mystery of that moment, but we are here now.

We can nurture our relationship with Jesus, so that our living reflects that Christ light, so that we shine in small ways and large.

We light this Christ candle as a symbol of the light that shines through us as we live our discipleship.

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*Hymn *The Living God Be Praised* VU#255

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Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you enable us to make changes that matter. With your love,

you transform our sadness into joy, our defeat into hope.

With your love,

you transform our apathy into commitment, our selfishness into thanksgiving.

With your love,

you transform our indifference into praise, our shyness into laughter.

Transforming God,

we are restored by your presence to be the faithful ones we are called to be.

In gratitude, we open our hearts now to you, sharing honestly what needs transformation in

our lives.

(a time of silent prayer)

Loving God, you enable us to make changes that matter.

With your love, you transform our lives. Thank you. Amen.

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***Hymn *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* VU#104**

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Prayer of Illumination

It is good that we are here;

this holy place is a good place to listen for God's voice.

It is good that we are together;

there is joy and strength as we receive God's word together in faith community.

It is good to reflect on our biblical traditions;

through the gift of Jewish and Christian scriptures our way is secured.

It is good to be inspired to work for just and compassionate causes;

the call is to come down from the mountaintop and go out to serve.

Bless us and open us to receive your word this morning, Holy God.

Amen.

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Scripture Readings: Barbara-Lynn Goodwin

Exodus 24:12–18: God calls Moses up the mountain.

Matthew 17:1–9: Jesus transfigured on the mountain.

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1)

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

*Hymn *Deep in Our Hearts* MV#154

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Invitation for Offering

*Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* VU#541

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Offering Prayer

ALL: We offer our gifts rejoicing that, under the reign of Christ, treasures are shared by all and possibilities are open to everyone. Amen.

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Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn *Take Time to Be Holy* VU#672

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*Commissioning and Benediction

*Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967

Postlude