

February 19th, 2023.

Transfiguration Sunday

Congregational responses are in bold. (*) Indicates Standing.

We Come Together

Greeting

Processional (Scouting and Guiding Groups)

The Light of Christ

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the land upon which we live, work, worship and play is the unceded territory of the Wabanaki people; in this area they are the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. In this season of Epiphany may God's light continue guiding us as we seek reconciliation and healing with all Indigenous siblings.

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Come, one and all, to worship the Light of the world.

All: The Light that guides us in peace,

One: the Light that names us each beloved,

All: the Light that hold us in love.

One: Come, hear the Word of the Lord,

All: who opens to everyone wisdom and life,

One: who calls us to serve our communities and world,

All: who offers us friendship and freedom.

One: Let us worship in joy, the Light of the world.

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

Holy One, as we come to worship this day, we boldly claim the promise of Christ: That where two or three are gathered in Your name, the Light of the world gathers with us. With Christ among us then, we embrace the strength of Your Love, we see You in the faces of friend and stranger alike, and we believe through You, anything becomes possible. Free us now to be a people renewed by the One who came from Light to Life, that we might live lives transfigured by Your Grace. Amen.

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

Personal Prayer: : "Lord, Listen to Your..." X 2 **VU# 400**
(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

Thank you, God, for Your light that's with us everywhere we go. There is no way to hide from it, not even as we grow. It might look different sometimes, with shadows and different shapes, but it lives and moves and lights the way with every step we take. If our light feels small or weak, remind us that the spark is still there. Let the Spirit help us tend it and share it, showing the world that we care. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Bathe Me in Your Light" **MV# 82**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Illumination: **Reader: Scout/Guide**

Holy One, in the reading of this Word, open our eyes and hearts to see the transfiguration of Your Son, the guidance of Your Spirit, and Your law of Love written on our hearts. May this reading move us to serve You and the world around us. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: **Matthew 17: 1-9**

Response: One: This is the Word of God.

All: **Light of the world that transfigures our living.**

Sermon "Coming Down the Mountain"

Anthem "Sunset in Rio" *Mark Blakney*

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

Today, Jesus is transfigured before us. We see the glory of God's only son. As we make the offerings of our hearts this day, we do so, all the while trusting they will be received and transfigured for the benefit of this community and world until God's reign of Peace is made real.

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

Great are your works, O God! Even greater is your love for all of creation! We offer our gifts to You this day in grateful thanksgiving for calling us to follow You. Keep us close to one another, that we might help and be helped along the way. As our offering is received, we also renew our desire to walk where You lead us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***Hymn: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" VU# 575**

***Benediction:**

**May the Love of God rest with you,
the Light of Christ live within you,
the Guidance of the Spirit be with you,
as we journey within our week ahead
listening for Christ's call to serve. Amen.**

***Extinguishing of the Christ Light**

***Recessional (Guiding and Scouting Groups)**

***Choral Benediction "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" MV#212**

Postlude

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Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Feb 19 Stephen **Feb 26** Erik **Mar 5** Elizabeth

Ushers for the coming weeks:

Feb 19 Val B. & John B. **Feb 26** Bill S. & John B.
Mar 5 Eleanor & Ensor

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	5:00pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	Church Hall
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
Thursday	1:00pm	Bridge	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall

Family Day – Monday, February 20th the office will be closed to celebrate the holiday.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Feb 21st at 5pm- 6:30pm

Join your church family for a buffet style pancake supper with pancakes, beans, coffee, tea, juice and maple syrup (of course). \$5 per person and/or good will offering. A great way to *'skip the dishes'* and have a little fellowship.

Ash Wednesday Service: Feb 22nd at 7:00pm - Rev. Stuart will lead a service to mark the beginning of the season of Lent, the 40 days before Easter.

Kids Korner: Are you a young person who likes to have fun and learn about the Bible? Join us for children's programming every other week: **Feb:** 26 **March:** 12 & 26 **Apr:** 9 & 23. Alternate weeks, explore our Kid's Korner pew packs in the sanctuary.

Transfiguration

We turn to embrace the rising Sun.

The fire that burns brilliantly in the morning sky.

Its glow gleams in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky.

[turn east with hands outstretched for silent reflection]

We turn to embrace the dazzling Son.

May his fire burn in our hearts.

May his glow gleam through our actions and glisten in our love for others.

[turn west with hands outstretched for silent reflection]

Amen.

—a prayer for Transfiguration Sunday by Alydia Smith



At Mount Royal United Church, our mission is to serve God; living our faith inside and outside these walls and nurturing each individual on their faith journey.

