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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

March 2, 2014

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ringing the Bell

Greeting and Announcements

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

And also with you.

Centering Music

Allow the music to help you focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***Call to Worship** adapted from Matthew 5:45-48

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in you.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, your care shines through.

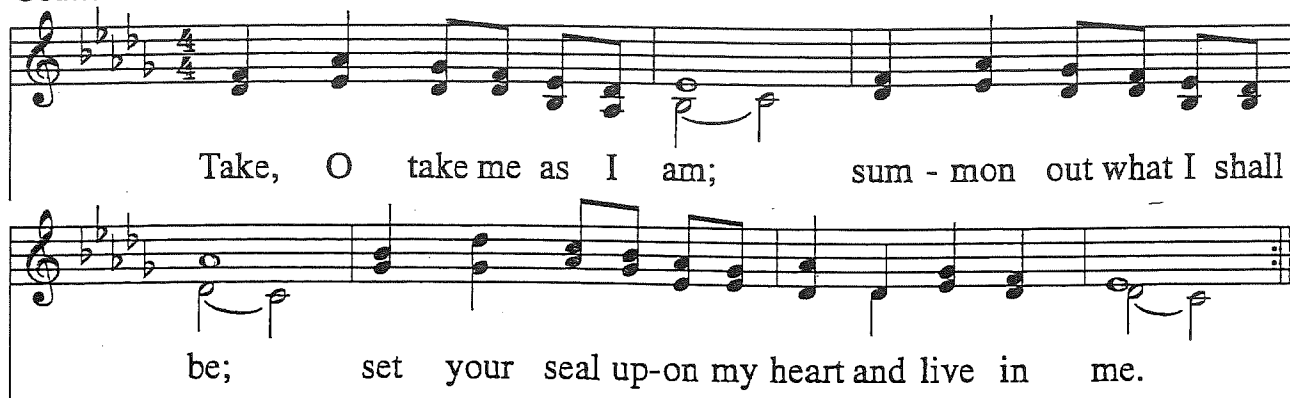
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,

We own your mercies, God, which never fail.

***Gathering Song** NCH #366 "God of Our Life"

***Silent Confession** ending with: (3x)

Ostinato Refrain



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949

Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949

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***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Sharing Christ's Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children's Message

"Mr. Potato Head Goes to Church"

Hannah Hannover

Sung Prayer for Illumination NCH #451 "Be Now My Vision" v. 1

*Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
nothing surpasses the love you impart--
You my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.*

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (pg. 203 in the NT of your pew Bible)

Sung Response NCH #451 "Be Now My Vision" v. 2
*Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
now and forever your child I will be.*

Sermon "A Horticultural Heritage" Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

*Song NCH #433 "In the Bulb"

Prayers of the People beginning with: (2x)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

Text: Psalm 102; Taizé Community, 1982
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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The Lord's Prayer

Please join in praying the following, or whatever version is most meaningful to you:

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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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Offering of Gifts

"Make My Life an Alleluia"

Ruth Elaine Schram

The gifts of the world, of this day, of our lives, come to us from God's open hands. Let us now open our hands in gratitude.

Prayer of Dedication

These gifts are our sign of gratitude to you. Through them, may hungry hearts be fed; through them, may others know your joy. Amen.

Song NCH #425

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

***Commissioning and Blessing**

***Sending Music**

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Terry Potter

Interim Minister: Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

Children & Youth Minister: Hannah Hannover

Youth Minister: Linda Hanson

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart