

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 26, 2017

Matthew 17:1-9

### Dazzling Reign

Spoiler alert: The Son of Man may lose his life on the cross, but in the end he will return and shine as the sun. In a sentence, that's kind of what the Transfiguration is — a spoiler. It lets the disciples know that even as Jesus has just predicted his death on a cross they needn't fear, they needn't worry, because he is unstoppable — he is, after all, the beloved Son of God. And, because of this mountaintop vision they can hold that dazzling vision and it will give them hope in the frightening days ahead.

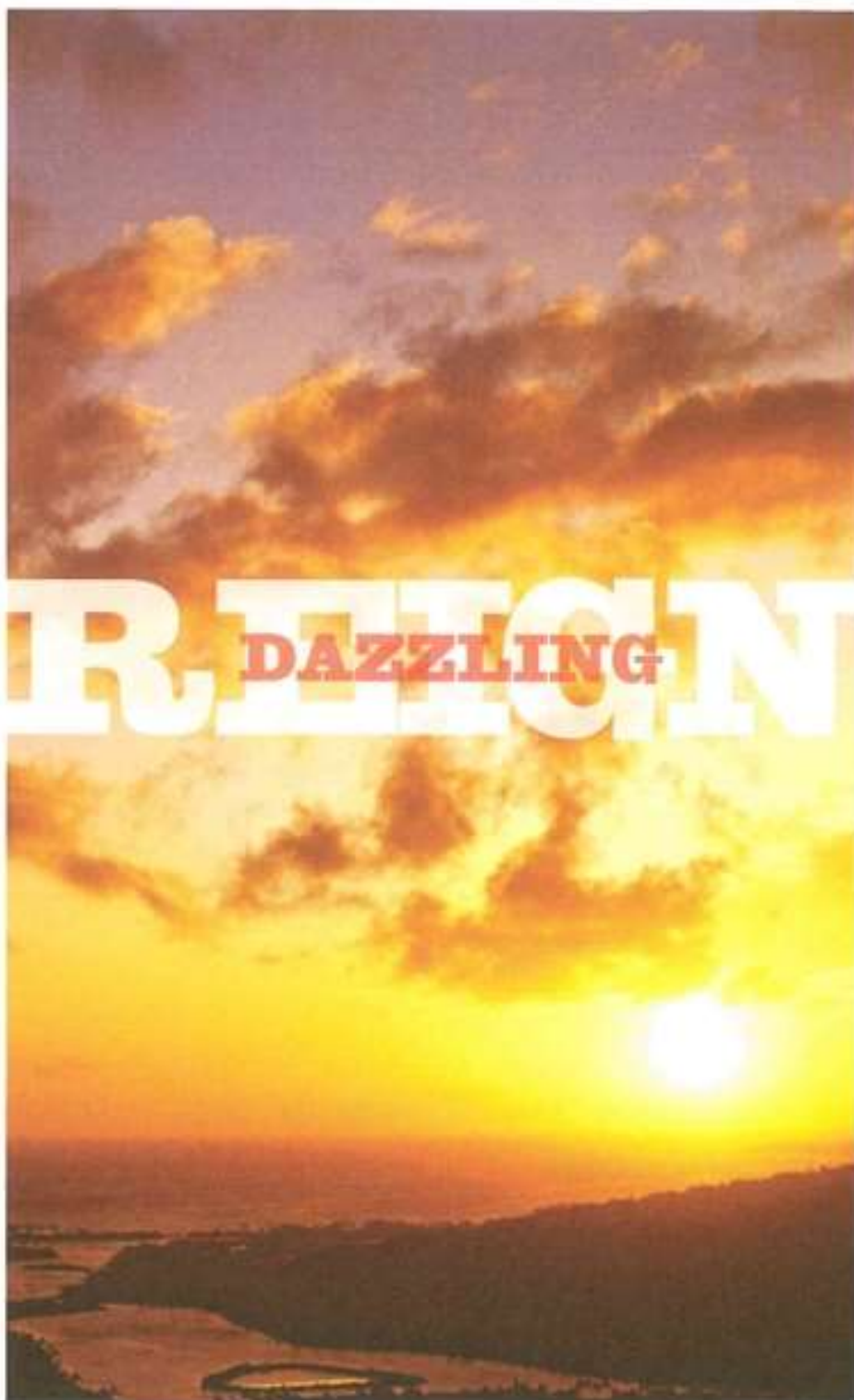
A Transfiguration is more than a makeover, more than a new, whiter robe and a spotlight. It's a change in form to something different, more essential and more spiritual. But the Jesus that went up the mountain was the same one who came down. He didn't change, he just got unmasked. What the disciples saw on that mountaintop was not a different Jesus but the real Jesus. There with Moses and Elijah he was himself, revealed to them so they would know for sure who they were traveling with and who, when the day came, they would watch die. This is no ordinary rabbi, no regular teacher, and, as good as he was to them, he was more than they understood.

Wouldn't it be something remarkable to see the world that way, to see the glow of divine creation inside everything? Poets do that, don't they? They look at the world and transfigure it with words, revealing the dazzle and light we missed. Gerard Manley Hopkins, famed English poet, wrote of Jesus Christ in his poem "Pied Beauty,"

*With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;  
He fathers forth whose beauty is past change:  
Praise him.*



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# LITURGY OF THE WORD

FEBRUARY 26, 2017 ☞ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Our mission is to worship God and share the love of Jesus Christ,  
teaching the message of Jesus to all ages, and putting our faith into action.

JAZZ PRELUDE *High Society* arr. Bill Howard

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 99

On your toes, everybody. Our God is holy: **Holy, yes, holy.**

God's name towers in splendor over all the other big names: **Holy, yes, holy.**

Our God, like a storm, can be terrifying and beautiful: **Holy, yes, holy.**

Let everyone praise God on God's holy mountain: **Holy, yes, holy.**

\* OPENING HYMN *Amazing Grace!* #546

\*Please stand in body or spirit

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION based on Psalm 119:105

One: Glorious God, your wisdom throws a beam of light onto an unsure path,  
yet when things fall apart, we forget to follow the way.

**All: Forgive us, heal us, and enlighten us, that we may travel with the  
confidence that you are showing us the way...** (silent prayer)

\* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\* PASSING THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Knuth

Please sign the "Who's Who in the Pew" during the Children's Message.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER ending with The Lord's Prayer

**Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...**

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* #557

Children may remain in sanctuary or go to Godly Play (Preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) and  
Sunday School (Grades 4-5).

CHORAL ANTHEM *Lord, Give Us Grace* Beall / Carter

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 17:1-9* NRSV

SERMON *We Can't Protect God* Rev. Broadbent

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

JAZZ OFFERTORY *Wabash Blues* arr. Leroy Holmes

\* PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Tune: *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here  
below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Feasting on the Word

One: God of mountaintops and valleys, with vision clouded or clear, we  
faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us.

**All: Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your  
presence in the world. Amen.**

JOYS & CONCERNS / PASTORAL PRAYER

\* CLOSING HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* #631

\* BENEDICTION

JAZZ POSTLUDE *Basin Street Blues* arr. Bill Howard

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### CHURCH STAFF TEAM

Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Broadbent  
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 Minister of Music Rev. Brian Plaughter  
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 & Elana Altman Roberts



### THIS WEEK AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Sunday** 9:00 am **Nursery Care**, Room 4  
 9:00 am **Children's Choir**, Choir Room  
 9:00 am **Middle School Youth Group**, Youth Lounge  
 9:00 am **Sunday Morning Bible Study**, Fireside Room  
 10:30 am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary  
 11:45 am **Pancake Party & Fundraiser**, Memorial Hall  
**Tuesday** 5:00 pm **Gratitude & Generosity Team**, Fireside Room  
**Wednesday** 4:45 pm **Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal**, Sanctuary  
 5:45 pm **Ash Wednesday Service**, Faith Chapel  
 6:15 pm **Soup Supper**, Media Room  
 7:00 pm **Church Council**, Faith Chapel  
**Thursday** 7:00 pm **Grief Group**, Fireside Room  
 7:15 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, Choir Room  
**Friday** 10:00 am **UkeStars**, Fellowship Hall

### FINANCIAL HEALTH

<b>Financial Gifts</b> (as of 1/31/17)	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Over/(Under)</b>
Local Church	\$43,555	\$29,803	\$13,752
Wider Mission	\$2,425	\$2,496	(\$71)
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>\$45,980</b>	<b>\$32,299</b>	<b>\$13,681</b>

For 2017, 142 households have pledged \$326,494 to Our Congregation's Ministry, and an additional \$30,996 to Wider Mission. Thank you!

### TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

This is the last Sunday in the season of Epiphany, with Shrove Tuesday, aka "Mardis Gras," and Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent this coming week. Today we will hear New Orleans Jazz and marvel at the story of Jesus' "Transfiguration."

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Greeters & Ushers Hosanna Bauer, Jenna Gonzales, Barbara Whitson  
 Terri & Bob Harper, Jeff & Paula Pearce  
 Liturgists Rev. Rachel Knuth  
 Preacher Rev. Benjamin Broadbent  
 Organist David Montgomery  
 New Orleans Jazz Ensemble Bernie Hovden (clarinet), Sully (tuba),  
 Bill Hopper (tenor sax), Brian Plaughter (trombone),  
 Jim Jenkins (trumpet), Andy DelMonte (drums)  
 Sound Keith Blackstone  
 Chancel Flowers Barbara Wilson

### TODAY

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** meets 9:00-10:15 a.m. We are focusing on the Gospel of Matthew. Bring your Bible, your inquisitive mind, and your coffee/tea mug.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** meets 9:00-10:15am in the Choir Room, with our new director, **Jenna Gonzales**, children in Preschool thru 5th grade are invited to participate.

**GODLY PLAY** (Preschool-Kindergarten in Room 5 & Grades 2-3 in Room 6) and Sunday School (Grades 4-5 in Media Room) follow the Children's Message.

**NURSERY** welcomes infants through age 3 Sundays 9:00 a.m. – Noon in Room 4 to allow parents the opportunity to attend Bible Study, Worship, and Fellowship Time.

Contact **Rev. Rachel Knuth**, Associate Minister to Children & Families, concerning Children's Ministry, at [rachelknuth@uccseb.org](mailto:rachelknuth@uccseb.org) or 707.823.2484.

**PANCAKE PARTY & SILENT AUCTION** fundraiser for the High School summer mission trip follows worship on Sun, Feb 26 in in Memorial Hall. \$15 for adults, \$7 for Children ages 5-12. Our teens will be cooking, serving, and entertaining as we celebrate Mardi Gras and prepare our hearts for the season of Lent.



## UP - COMING

**ALL-AGES ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** with imposition of ashes will be Mar 1, 5:45pm in Faith Chapel. A soup supper follows in the Media Room at 6:15 pm. Together we start the 40-day journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and Holy Week.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** begin March 7 and we are looking for soup makers for each of the five Tuesdays in Lent plus soup for Maundy Thursday. Sign up through the church office or visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4da8a822a2f85-lenten>.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** upcoming program on Thursday, March 9:

- 10:00am Women's Fellowship Board Meeting, Women's Fellowship Office.
- 10:30am Women's Fellowship Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am Program in Fellowship Hall: Margarette Murakami will share her experience and memories living in a Japanese Internment Camp during WWII. Following the presentation we will enjoy Japanese style snacks.

**SUMMER CAMP** Early Bird Registration deadline for programs at Camp Cazadero is February 28. Save \$ by registering now at: [nncucc.org](http://nncucc.org). Contact the church office for an Apple Pie Scholarships to cover 1/3 of the early bird cost.

**ADULT MISSION TRIP** to Weed, Calif is June 25 - July 1. Info and registration available in the church office and at: <https://www.uccseb.org/docs/2017.Adult.Mission.Trip.pdf>. Registration deadline: March 8.

**LEADERSHIP EVENT** Sat, Mar 11, 8:00 - Noon for all involved or interested in leadership at Community Church. To attend, contact Rev. Broadbent at [pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org).

**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION** for Rev. Benjamin Broadbent as our Senior Minister (making it official!) is Sat, Apr 1, at 3:00 p.m. Save the date!

## ON - GOING

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets next on Wed, March 8, at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room with a study of the book *The Story of Ruth* by Joan Chittister. All women are welcome. Contact facilitator, **Joanne Matson** with questions at 707.823.5249.

**GRIEF GROUP**, facilitated by counselors **Harry & Susanna Simms**, meets in the Fireside Room Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. Losing a loved one, recently or years ago, can be difficult to process. With questions, contact facilitators at 707.829.7769.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH** (Grades 6-8) meet 9:00-10:15am in the Youth Lounge with director Ross Galleto and Youth Leaders.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** (Grades 9-12) are hosting the Pancake Party & Silent Auction Fundraiser following worship today. No youth group meeting tonight.

Contact **Ross Galleto**, Director of Youth Ministries, at [YouthMinistries@uccseb.org](mailto:YouthMinistries@uccseb.org) or 707.495.1507.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BAKED GOODS** for Fellowship Time following Sunday services are wonderful. If you have a treat to share, bring it and we'll put it out or freeze for the next Sunday.

**DONATIONS** to the Goodwill truck in our parking lot benefit our church – the more donations received, the more rental fees are paid to the church. Did you know our Women's Retreat group will not be holding a garage sale this year? All those items you have been saving up can go to the Goodwill truck and we all benefit!

**PRINTED SERMONS** available in the church entryway and as audio at [www.uccseb.org](http://www.uccseb.org).

Contact **Karin Seder**, Office Manager, at [office@uccseb.org](mailto:office@uccseb.org) or 707.823.2484. Announcements for the coming Sunday due in writing by noon each Wednesday.

## WIDER COMMUNITY

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** event Fri, Mar 3, 1:00 p.m. hosted by the First United Methodist Church, 1551 Montgomery Drive in Santa Rosa. This ecumenical day of prayer is celebrated globally from the time the sun rises in the Pacific until it sets. Christian women will pray using a litany written by Christian women in the Philippines. If you would like to attend, contact **Chris Jenkins**, 829-2230. If you would like to carpool, please contact **Connie Blackstone**, 829-3168.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

**THANK YOU...** to **J. Althea** for donating two octaves of handbells and an octave of chimes to our church's Handbell Ensemble.

**PRAYERS FOR...** those who are suffering from cancer, tumors, mental illness, depression, recovery, joblessness.

Contact **Rev. Benjamin Broadbent**, Senior Minister, at [pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org](mailto:pastorbenjamin@uccseb.org) or 719.238.5347.

# Pancake Party!

## & Silent Auction



### WHEN

Sunday, February 26 – right after worship

### WHERE

Community Church of Sebastopol  
Memorial Hall

### FEATURING

Pancakes & all the fixings, Pancake  
Games, Entertainment & Silent Auction!

### COME SUPPORT THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP'S MISSION TRIP

Tickets: \$15 for Adults (13+)

\$7 for Youth (5-12) **FREE** if you are 0-4



Our High School youth will help cook, serve, and entertain us as we celebrate and prepare our hearts to enter the season of Lent.