

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 ☈ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL

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PIANO PRELUDE

Day By Day

– Stephen Schwartz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

Thuma Mina

South African melody

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on *The Message*, Psalm 2

One: The nations make a lot of noise, and people plot for power and gain.

Many: Demagogues and oil executives meet in Swiss chalets to make plans.

One: Meanwhile God laughs at their presumption, then cries out.

Many: Furious, God asks, “Do you not know? Do you not care?”

One: We do not create ourselves. Everything, all of it, is given as gift.

Many: We dare not worship anyone but the One who gives and keeps giving.

* OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

#22, vv. 1–3

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Trumpet in Zion, Linda H. Hollies

One: Incomparable One, we confess our sin. We follow our own devious myths, and we baptize our own cherished ideologies.

Many: Reluctantly we follow you up the mountain. With fear and trembling, we enter the cloud. We cannot bear the weight and beauty of your holy presence... (silent prayer)

* ASSURANCE OF GRACE

* PASSING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Psalm 150:6

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

ending with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin'dom come...

* HYMN

Abide with Me

#636, vv. 1 & 3

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17: 1 – 9

Pew Bible, NT, p. 18

SERMON

Above the Fray

Pastor Benjamin

PIANO INTERLUDE

Eventide

– William Henry Monk

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Holly Loey

CHORAL OFFERTORY

Ave Verum Corpus

– W.A. Mozart

* DOXOLOGY

Tune: Festal Song

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today!**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountain bursts in song!
Rise up and greet the morning sun; God's power will make us strong.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Feasting on the Word

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

Many: Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. With your beloved child, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER PRACTICE

* CLOSING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#66, vv. 1–3

* BENEDICTION

PIANO POSTLUDE

St. Denio

Welsh folk melody

Following worship, all are invited to Kinship Time in the Bell Tower Courtyard and, when the bell rings, to Faith Formation Hour.

WORSHIP LEADERS



Ushers	Joanne Matson (Lead), Kathy Bell & Marlene Hooper
Piano	J. Althea
Liturgists	Holly Locey & Tirza Dawn
Preacher	Rev. Benjamin Broadbent
Choral Music	Chancel Choir
Choir Director	Andy DelMonte
Tech Team	Henry Allen & Eliana Curtis
Chancel Flowers	Joanie Blechel

STAFF TEAM

Lead Minister	Rev. Dr. Benjamin Broadbent
Congregational Administrator	Joy Richards
Faith Formation Coordinator	Tirza Dawn
Choral Director	Andy DelMonte
Keyboardist	J. Althea
Handbell Director	Karna Roa
Bookkeeper	Deanna Euritt
Custodian	Paul Louden



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.

An Open & Affirming congregation in the United Church of Christ, we welcome and affirm people of every religious background, family composition, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, ethnicity, age, gender identity and expression.

A Sanctuary congregation in the Sonoma County Sanctuary Coalition.

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