

Église Unie Summerlea United Church
Sunday, February 11 2018 dimanche, 11 fevrier

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Introit

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Centering

Call to Worship

The God who spoke out of the clouds speaks to us today in words of glory and power.

The God whose radiance shone in the face of Christ shines through us, and names us as beloved.

The God who meets us here gives us comfort to meet every need, and faith to meet every challenge.

May the glory of God's presence be made known to us as we gather in this time of worship.

Hymn "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

VU 336

Prayer of Confession

God of transfiguration, you meet us in the ordinary as well as the extraordinary moments of life. We seek you in the valleys and on the mountaintops, but so often we are not fully aware of your presence among us. Your reflected glory shines among us, but so many other sights and sounds distract us. Your voice can be heard naming us as your beloved ones, but we do not always allow your love to break through our boundaries and expectations.

Forgive us when we lose sight of the light of your loving presence. Help us to see you more clearly among us, and give us the strength we need to respond...

(a time for silent prayer)

Words of Assurance

Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

VU 264

We Listen for God's Word

Scripture reader: Barb Costello

Hebrew scripture reading II Kings 2:1-12 p. 406 ot

Responsive reading Psalm 50, with Refrain VU #775

Reading from the Gospels Mark 9:2-9 p. 60 nt

Hymn "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

VU 103

Sermon "CLOSE ENCOUNTERS"

We Respond to God

Anthem

Offertory

Offertory Dedication VU #544 tune: FOREST GREEN, #518

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymn "Go to the World" VU 420

Commissioning and Benediction

Common Blessing VU #419

**May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
and our maker's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favour,
rest upon us from above.**

**Thus may we abide in union
Held together by the Word,
and possess in rich communion
joys which earth cannot afford.**

Postlude

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