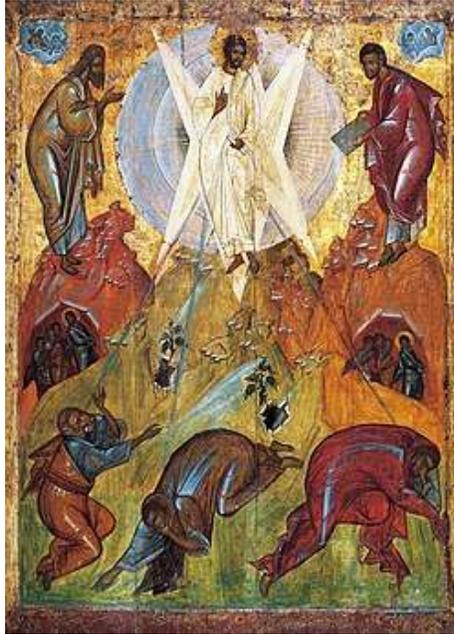


The First Congregational Church of West Brookfield

United Church of Christ



Icon of the Transfiguration by Theophanes the Greek, 15th century

February 15, 2026; 10 a.m.

REFLECT

“God has always been in relationship to us, journeying with us, and yearning to be known by us.”

— Marcus J. Borg —

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Words in **bold** are to be spoken in unison.

 Please stand as you are able.

Congregational Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Stephen Page

A Call to Worship for Transfiguration Sunday

Deanna Randall

Leader: The mountain top
the shining face, the glowing clothes
the voice of God speaking from the cloud
the commandments etched in stone

**All: Sometimes God shows up
in ways we cannot deny
in a place we can go
a light we can see, a voice we can hear
a stone we can touch ... Sometimes**

Leader: Sometimes
there is the veil
the overshadowing, terrifying cloud
the questions
the appearing and disappearing
the excitement
the wondering, the silence

**All: Sometimes God shows up
in ways we cannot deny.
Always God shows up somehow.
So we have shown up here, now,
May God give us eyes to see.**



"Gather Us In"

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A Responsive Prayer for Grace (based on Mark 9:2-9)

Leader: God of grace, sometimes discipleship is so difficult.

**All: We see you standing in front of us and we look for glory.
Then you tell us to expect heartbreak and challenge.**

**We get a glimpse of your glory, and we are confused, frightened,
unsure what to do or say.**

Leader: God of grace, made known in Jesus the Christ, in the challenge, and in the glory,
you call us to look toward you, to listen to you.

**All: Grant us the grace and wisdom to watch, to listen, to follow,
to learn, and, in the end, to possibly understand, as we join you on The Way, as we explore
the glorious Realm. Amen.**

The Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Reader: May God bless our hearing and understanding of this reading from our sacred texts.

All: Word of God, Word of Life, Thanks be to God

Prayers of the People Sharing Concerns, Joys ~ Pastoral Prayer
~ Lord's Prayer~

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.

Call to Offering and Offertory Music

(Offering plates are in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your gifts; you may place them in the plates during the music)

 **A Doxology**

Tune: # 34 (Old 100th)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

Youth Message

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon

“One Brilliant Moment”

Rev. Doug Williamson

An Epiphany Service of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Insert

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*In our community of faith, all, without exception,
are welcome at God's table.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the God of Light.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Pastor: Bright shining God, inner light of all faithful souls,
we celebrate your gifts of love, creation, and art.*

**All: We rejoice that you have made us in your image
and call us to live in your limitless love.**

Pastor: You bring peoples and leaders to the dawn of your rising. You sent your child, our morning star, to light a way in our night, and lead us to justice and peace. Your Holy Spirit shines good news into our lives.

All: Each daybreak you call us to feed the hungry, bring recovery of sight, liberate the oppressed, heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds, and keep watch for the dawn of your commonwealth on earth. For all of this we give you thanks.

Pastor: And now as we come to this holy table we recall it was Jesus who called us here: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body given for you.

Whenever you do this, do it in remembrance of me.

Pastor: After supper, he took the cup, saying, this cup is the new covenant. Whenever you drink it, do it in remembrance of me. Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith: **All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Alleluia! Amen.** *Pastor: By your Spirit, O God, bless this bread and this cup that they may become for us the presence of Christ among us. Shine your light and your love on the offering of our lives.*

All: Enlighten us that we may be your people, the body of the risen Christ, the light of the world, set apart to serve this earth that you have made. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever, O Eternal Light. Amen.

(Sharing of the bread and cup; Bread will be served, we will partake in unison; then cup will be served, we will partake in unison. Please return to the main part of the bulletin for the Prayer after Communion.)

Unison Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Let us join our voices in prayer.

All: Jesus Christ, our Teacher, our Brother, our Savior, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

✠ Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

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✠ Benediction

(following the benediction, please be seated for the postlude)

Postlude





Our Mission and Vision Statement:

We are a church where all are welcome to worship together, to share in fellowship and to grow spiritually in our journey with Christ. We value justice, diversity, and freedom of expression. We strive to serve our community and all God's creation and to spread the love of God to all people.

Welcome members, friends, and visitors to our service this morning! If you are a guest with us, we invite you to sign our guest register and/or fill out a visitor card. Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for children who are with us in worship.

Prayer Requests

Would you like to ask for prayers for someone? You may write your request in the red prayer book on the table located in the back of the sanctuary. A deacon will share them with the pastor. Please see a deacon with any questions.

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