

Westminster United Church

Order of Worship

February 11, 2018

Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude

Welcome / Introduction

Lighting the Christ Candle

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The grace of the Christ be with you.

And also with you.



Choral Response VU 104

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

***Call to Gathering**

Come let us gather in search of the Ultimate.

We come, seeking the Source of all power

The Power resides in us all as we
gather in community.

**We gather so that Emmanuel, God With Us,
can guide us, support us, and inspire us.**

May it be so this morning.

Amen.

Opening Prayer (by Mother Teresa)

God, when I am hungry,

give me someone in need of food;

When I am thirsty,

send me someone needing a drink;

When I am cold, send me someone to warm;

When I am grieved,

offer me someone to console;

When my burden grows weary,

let me share another's burden also;

**When I am poor, lead me to someone in need;
When I have not time,
give me someone I can help a little while
When I am humiliated,
give me someone to praise;
When I am disheartened,
send me someone to cheer;
When I need understanding,
give me someone who needs mine;
When I need to be looked after,
send me someone to care for;
When I think only of myself,
draw my thoughts to another. Amen.**

*** Hymn VU 296 "This Is God's Wondrous World"**

First Reading

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Second Reading

Mark 9: 2-9

As God inspired the men who wrote these words,
**May he inspire us to seek their meaning.
Amen**

Prayer For Enlightenment (from Psalm 19)

***Let the words of our lips and the meditations of
our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD. Amen.***

Message "*Not That Kind of a Messiah*" I Phillips

***Hymn VU 679 "Let There Be Light"**

The Presentation of our Gifts

With music

***With sung response VU 540**

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

*With prayer (in unison)

**Gracious God, we present these our gifts,
not from a sense of obligation but from an
honest desire to support the work of your
church. Help us to use them wisely,
following always the teachings of Jesus.
In his name we pray, Amen.**

The Life and Work of the Faith Community

Choral Preface to Prayer VU 400 seated
“ Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ”

Prayers of God’s People

Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn VU 562 *“ Jesus Calls Us ”*

*Closing Prayer (unison)

**Let us go from here,
Struggling with the words we have heard,
Warmed by the presence we have felt,
Strengthened by the fellowship we have
enjoyed,
And certain that we are never alone.
We go with God,
to be God’s people in the world. Amen.**

*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

*Lectionary Readings for Sunday, February 18, 2018
~ First Sunday in Lent ~*

Genesis 9: 8-17
1 Peter 3: 18-22

Psalm 25: 1-10
Mark 1: 9-15