



An Open & Affirming Congregation in the United Church of Christ  
Order of Worship for 2/19/2023  
***Transfiguration Sunday***  
Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor

**Prelude:**

*Hymn to Justice*

Oscar Peterson

**Welcome**

**Words for Centering**

“Transfiguration” by Malcolm Guite

For that one moment, ‘in and out of time’,  
On that one mountain where all moments meet,  
The daily veil that covers the sublime  
In darkling glass fell dazzled at his feet.  
There were no angels full of eyes and wings  
Just living glory full of truth and grace.  
The Love that dances at the heart of things  
Shone out upon us from a human face  
And to that light the light in us leaped up,  
We felt it quicken somewhere deep within,  
A sudden blaze of long-extinguished hope  
Trembled and tingled through the tender skin.  
Nor can this blackened sky, this darkened scar  
Eclipse that glimpse of how things really are.

**\*Hymn of Celebration:**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

New Century Hymnal #593

**\*Invocation** (Unison)

*Radiant God,  
we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory.  
You come to us in the valleys.  
We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide.  
May our worship of you encourage us on the journey  
and make us aspire to reflect your Beloved Community in the world.  
Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen.*

**Listening To the Sacred Text:** Isaiah 58:9b-12

Listening for the Spirit in Silence:

*Word and words, O God. Help us to hear the One among the many.*

**Reflecting:** “Repairing the Breach”

**\*Hymn of Reflection:** “We Shall Overcome” New Century Hymnal #570

**\*Prayer for Transformation and New Life** (Unison)

Righteous God,

we find ourselves wanting to retreat from the harsh realities of life.

We can find ourselves lifted to high places and forget those we have left behind.

Our concern for our neighbor too often dissipates at the point of our discomfort.

Forgive us for wanting to dwell in your presence

without being transformed with new energy for the work of your ministry. Amen.

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Offering our gifts and our prayers**

Offertory Music: *To Sit and Dream*

Rosephanye Powell

**\*Doxology** (Tune: *All Creatures Of Our God and King*)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Announcements**

**\*Sending Song:** “Rise” (See handout.) Justice Choir Songbook

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** *Perfume de Gardenia* Rafael Hernandez

**\* Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.**

(Today’s liturgy was written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay,  
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**Leading In Today’s Service:**

Laura Martin, Director of Music

Jaime Hadley, Usher

Jonathan Geer, Piano

Liz Lee, Cello

Britt Hicks, Director of Online Ministries

Radhika Hicks, Liturgist

Amy Harris, Violin