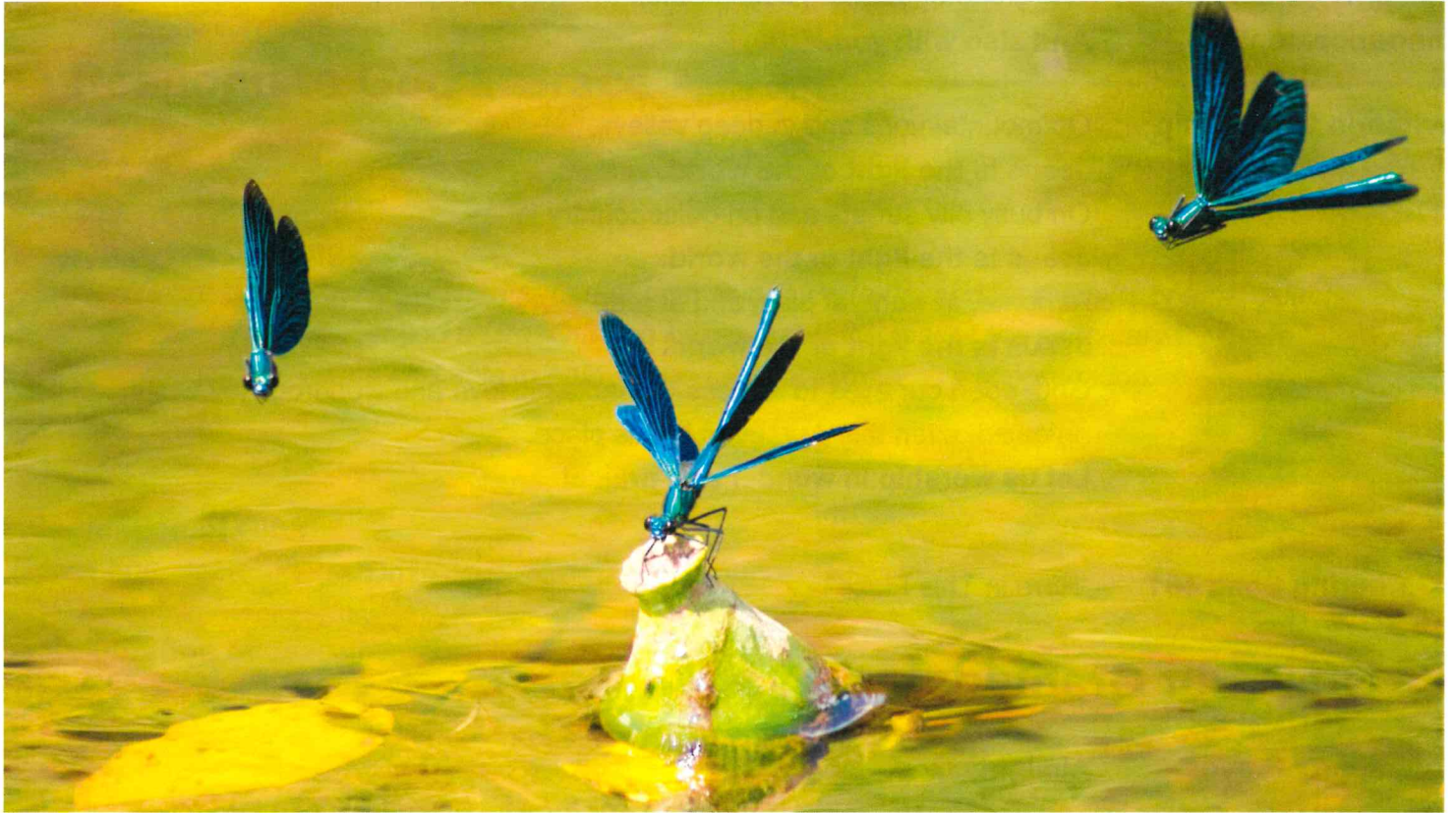


UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2, 2025
Transfiguration of the Lord



“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.

Isaiah 43:1-2

Sunday Worship
10:00 am

Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday

8:30 am – 12 Noon, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

*You are invited to make the transition from getting here to being here. Be still and know that God is God.
We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Invitation to Worship

On mountaintops and in deep valleys,
Jesus is the light of the world.
On busy city streets and on quiet country lanes,
Jesus is the light of the world.
At home, at work, at play, and at rest,
Jesus is the light of the world.
God, open our eyes to witness the fantastic love and wondrous joy waiting to be revealed, even this day, even in this place.
Let us worship in wonder and praise!

+ Gathering Song 401 "Here in This Place"

We Offer Our Gratitude

Community Prayer

Almighty God, Peter Troedsson
you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we've fallen short. You know the work we've left undone, the mercy we've left ungiven, the love we've left unshared, the peace we've left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride and violence that we've chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy. Amen.

Sung Response 288 "Spirit of the Living God"

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
As you are willing and able, please greet one another with signs of peace.

We Listen & Receive

Time with the Young Church

*Children of all ages are invited to come forward.
Nursery and Children's Worship info is on the back of the bulletin.*

Scripture Reading Luke 9:28-36
 This is the gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem "God of Wonders" *arr. Richard Kingsmore*

Sermon "Wilderness & Mountain Tops" Tami Van Ras

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn 462 "I Love to Tell the Story"

Invitation to the Offering

We are grateful for your sharing part of your Sunday with us, and for the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that you share. Offering boxes are at the rear of the sanctuary for those willing and able to help support the ministry of this congregation.

Offertory

+Presentation of Gifts & Hymn 606

"Doxology"

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table
 Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer
 Communion of the People

*You are welcome to receive communion by intinction – a sign of the body of the Church acting together, moving as a community towards the Table. Please exit your pew to your left, receive a piece of bread from one of the stations, dip it in the cup, and partake of both elements together. Please return to the other end of the pew after receiving communion. If you are unable to come forward, we will gladly bring communion to you.
 The station under the Rich Young Ruler window offers gluten-free bread and juice.

Communion Hymn 544 "Bless the Lord"
 Prayer

We Are Sent in God's Love

+ Hymn 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

+ Benediction

+ Benediction Song "Go with God"

Welcome

We are delighted that you have added to the joy of worship this morning at United Presbyterian Church. We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Jesus Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey - whatever grief, joy, or doubts you may bring today—you are welcome here.

Announcements

Journey Forward Support Group — If you or someone you know is struggling with grief after losing a spouse or partner please consider joining this group which gathers every second Wednesday of the month from 10am-11am in the Pfeiffer room.

Upcoming Events

Sunday	March 2
8:30am	Praise Band Practice
9:00am	Choir Practice
10:00am	Sunday Worship
Monday	March 3
6:45pm	ACT Practice
Tuesday	March 4
10:00am	Sabbath Circle Book Study
6:45pm	ACT Practice
Wednesday	March 5
5:30pm	Youth Group
6:00pm	ASH Wednesday
6:00pm	Family Aging Support Group
6:45pm	ACT Practice
7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	March 6
12:30pm	Yoga
1:00pm	Women's Book Study
6:45pm	ACT Practice
Saturday	March 8
9:00am	Red Cross Blood Drive

Serving Today

Thank you to all who served in worship today.

Liturgist—Peter Troedsson

Ushers—Ann Rietmann, Retha Larson and Jack Towns

Coffee Hour—Gathering Committee

Children's Programs—Beth Fite, Meredith Hanson and Amanda Garcia.

Children's Programs

We are thrilled that you have chosen to bring your family to worship with ours! We believe children soak up the love of God even when they draw and color, read and create, or rest their head in your lap. Please feel welcome to visit our Children's Space located in the Round Room in the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Nursery

The nursery (Room 208) will be available for infants—age 3 during worship services. Children can be dropped off any time after 9:30am and picked up following worship.

Godly Play

Age 3 – Grade 2 | Godly Play

As a continuation of worship, Godly Play is a formational practice of exploring the mystery of God's inviting presence in our lives, teaching children how to listen for God and then to make authentic and creative responses to God.

Creative Minds

Grade 3+ | Youth Room

Creative Minds is a formational practice for older children and youth to engage, explore, and re-create the fascinating biblical stories of our faith through the world of Minecraft technology.

Local Outreach | Ways to Serve

Linn Benton Food Share—Packing boxes of food for families who suffer from food insecurities. The next time will be **Thursday, March 6 at 5:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Linn Benton Food Share Warehouse, 33900 Looney Ln., Tangent, OR 97389.

Prayers & Praise

Please send prayers of comfort and healing for:

Ashley Cary
Bill and Chrys Hulshof
Lindsay Jones & Parker Jones
Pat Lockerby
Marilynn Meyers
Linda Melikian
Caryl & Denny Thomas's Family - Cory Whitney
Charlie Van Meter

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