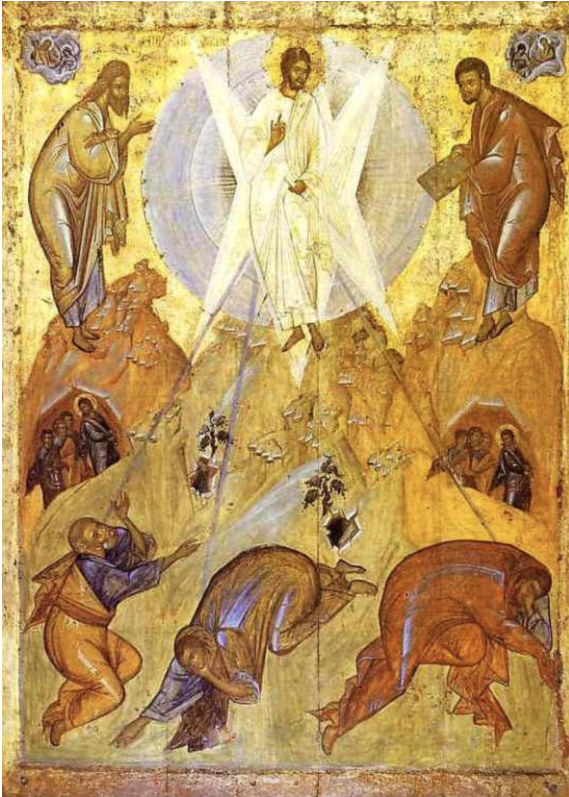


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# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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March 2, 2025 | 10:15 AM



*Transfiguration  
Theophanes*



CONNECTING **FAITH,**  
**FRIENDSHIP, FAMILY**

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# Welcome to Central

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An online worship service is available on Facebook and YouTube for those unable to worship in person.

If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a **Community Connection card** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. You can also scan the following **QR Code** on your smart phone:



**Childcare for children up to age 5** is provided in our nursery from **9:00–11:30 AM**. The nursery is in the education wing on the first floor. Children's worship packets are available in the Narthex.

**Large print bulletins, hymnals, and personal hearing units** are available. Please speak to one of the hosts if you have special needs.

**Be sure to silence all cell phones.**

**Assisting in worship today:**

*Pastor:* Sarai Schnucker Rice

*Liturgist:* Lisa Modlin

*Crucifer:* John Lowe

*Hosts:* Lynn & Linda Bridie,  
Bill Green, Susan Hemminger

*Communion preparation:*

Jeff Green, Beth Triebel

*Communion servers:* Gary Modlin,  
Lisa Modlin, Selina Orman,  
Christine Reinders-Caron, and  
Beth Triebel

*Music Director:* Rich Dewein

*Organist:* Lois Harms

*Children's Time:* Garrison Hazen

*Music:* Chancel Choir

*Audio:* Marvin Minor

*Editing & Video:* Matt Van Winkle

**The flowers in the chancel have been given by Will & Joanne Page** in memory of George Wilkening.

**For online giving,** go to [www.dmcpc.org/give](http://www.dmcpc.org/give).

**Please join us for fellowship and refreshments** following the service in the East Parlor. *Hosted by:* Katie Waggett.

◆ All who are able, please stand.

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# The Worship of God

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair  
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Paul Manz  
Michael Burkhardt

### CALL TO WORSHIP

God of the mountaintop,  
you call us to journey with you.

**Shine upon us; grant us sacred illumination;  
dazzle us with your beauty and glory.**

In the midst of our weary souls  
and exhausted bodies,

**Transfigure our imaginations  
and reveal to us what is possible.**

In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,

**Transfigure our imaginations  
and reveal to us what is possible.**

In the midst of crushing disasters,  
natural and humanmade,

**Transfigure our imaginations  
and reveal to us what is possible.**

Move us from scarcity and cynicism  
and transfigure our lowly visions  
to reveal the abundant life of your realm.

**Help us to keep watch  
so that we might leave the mountaintop  
inspired to do your work of transformation  
in the valley below. Amen.**

### ◆ HYMN 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

◆ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God who dazzles,  
just as you revealed yourself in Christ  
at the mount of transfiguration,  
you send your Spirit now to work in our midst.  
Show us this day the light of your presence.  
Reveal to us your power and glory.  
Illumine our hearts and lives with your brilliance,  
that we might envision a world transfigured  
in your image. Amen.

◆ **CANTICLE 288**

LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the Living God*

◆ **GREETING**

The peace of Christ be with you,  
And also with you.

## WORD

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Garrison Hazen

*Sunday School will follow, after Children's Time  
Ages K–Grade 5, Room 102*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Exodus 34:29–35  
*pew Bible, OT p. 76*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM**

Chancel Choir  
David Stanley York

Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,

the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.  
O magnify the Lord with me;  
With me exalt His name.  
When in distress to Him I called,  
He to my rescue came.

Open us to His great love,  
Help us to decide.  
How blest are they and only they,  
Who in His truth abide,  
Truth abide.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom We adore,  
Be glory, as it was, is now  
And shall be ever more, ever more.

## **GOSPEL READING**

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Luke 9:28–36  
*pew Bible, NT p. 60*

## **SERMON**

*They Appeared in Glory*

Sarai Schnucker Rice

## ◆ **HYMN 190**

*Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

GENEVA

# **RESPONSE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **LIVING OUR FAITH**

Connie Klug  
World and Community Concerns Committee

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy:  
Hear our prayer.

## **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Michael Burkhardt

### ◆ **DOXOLOGY 606**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

### ◆ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

# **E U C H A R I S T**

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**Sanctus 572**

Pavlechko

...now and forever. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Hymnal, p. 35 (debts/debtors)

## SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

As you approach the servers, please extend your open cupped hands to receive the bread. Then take a cup of grape juice from the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available in the Narthex. Prepackaged communion elements are available in the Narthex for those unable to come forward.

## PRAYER

## SENDING

### ◆ HYMN 189

*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

DEO GRACIAS

### ◆ BENEDICTION

### ◆ CHORAL RESPONSE

*Spirit Song*

Chancel Choir  
John Wimber

O let the Son of God enfold you  
With his Spirit and his love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
O let Him have the things that hold you  
And his Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

## POSTLUDE

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Michael Burkhardt

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## Upcoming Events

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# Ash Wednesday

**March 5, 2025**

12:15 PM and 6:00 PM

Sanctuary - *In Person Only*

Both services will be held in the Sanctuary and will last approximately 30 minutes.

Each service will include Scripture, contemplative prayer and music, with the imposition of ashes.



# HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday, April 13 (10:15 AM)**

Blessing of the palms and procession beginning outdoors on the south courtyard and lawn, going into the Sanctuary.

**Maundy Thursday, April 17 (7:00 PM)**

Communion Service, in person only

**Good Friday, April 18 (7:00 PM)**

Service of Tenebrae, in person only

**Easter Sunday, April 20 (10:15 AM)**

Joyful service celebrating the Resurrection, preceded by a Continental Easter breakfast at 9:15 AM in the East Parlor and an Easter egg hunt on the south lawn at 9:30 AM.



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# This Week @ Central

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## Sunday, March 2

- 9:00 AM Adult Book Study: Listening for God (Room 201)
- 10:15 AM Worship Service with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM Sunday School—K through 5th Grade (Room 102)
- 11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

## Monday, March 3

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise program (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (Room 101)
- 7:00 PM ALANON (Room 206)
- 8:00 PM AA (Fellowship Hall)

## Tuesday, March 4

- 10:00 AM WCC Event Set-up (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00 PM PEO Luncheon, with 10:00 AM Set-up (East Parlor)
- 4:30 PM Trivia Teams can begin decorating tables (F. Hall)
- 5:30 PM Fat Tuesday Trivia & Silent Auction (Fellowship Hall)

## Wednesday, March 5

- 9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise program (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 AM Genesis Bible Study (Room 201)
- 12:15 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
- 4:15 PM Worship Committee (Room 201)
- 5:00 PM Morgen Bells rehearsal (Room 208)
- 5:15 PM Central Kids, Middle & High School Youth (F. Hall)
- 5:30 PM PNC (Room 201)
- 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)**
- 6:00 PM Children's Chorus (Room 4)
- 6:30 PM RingTones rehearsal (Room 208)
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir rehearsal (Cownie Chapel)

## **Thursday, March 6**

12:00 PM AMOS CLT (Room 112)

5:30 PM World & Community Concerns Committee (Room 201)

## **Friday, March 7**

9:00 AM ChicoMetrics exercise program (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 AM Centering Prayer (Cownie Chapel)

12:00 PM Office Closes

5:30 PM PNC (Room 201)

## **Saturday, March 8**

9:00 AM OA (Room 201)

10:00 AM German class (Rooms 2 and 3)

## **Sunday, March 9—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS**

9:00 AM Adult Book Study: Listening for God (Room 201)

9:30 AM Children's Chorus rehearsal (Sanctuary)

10:15 AM Worship Service with Children's Chorus (Sanctuary)

10:30 AM Sunday School—K through 5th Grade (Room 102)

11:15 AM Fellowship (East Parlor)

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## Mission Statement

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We strive to be a Christian congregation dedicated to a strong tradition of worship, committed to spiritual inquiry and growth, caring for one another, and bearing witness to God's love in the world.



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