

Grace United Church of Christ

Transfiguration Sunday
Worship
Receiving of New Members
Sunday, February 14, 2021



Icon of the [Transfiguration](#) by [Theophanes the Greek](#), 15th century

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We Gather

Prelude "Improvisation", Edward MacDowell, arr. David Paxton
Special: "Meditation in C", John S. Dixon Jonas Dawson

Preparing of our Hearts

Call to Worship

L: Let's go up the mountain. To the place of voices and conversations,
to the place of listening.

P: To the place of meeting, to the place of mists,

L: Let's go up to the place where the land meets the sky
where the earth touches the heavens,

P: to the place of meeting, to the place of mists,

All: Let's go up the mountain to worship Christ the King

Opening Hymn Crown With Your Richest Crowns NCH # 301 (v 1,3,5)

Opening Prayer

We Listen

First Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12

Special Music "Meditation in C", John S. Dixon Jonas Dawson

Gospel Mark 9:2-9

Children's Message

Video Meditation Clay

Crown with Your Richest Crowns

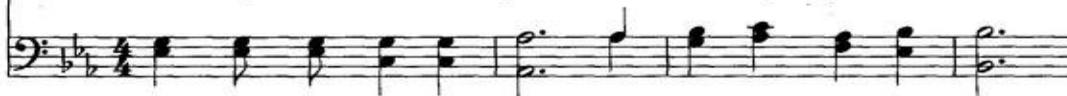
John 19:16-18, 31-34; Rev. 7:9-10

Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874

Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1993



1 Crown with your rich - est crowns the Lamb up - on the throne;
 2 Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.
 3 Crown Christ the truth, the life who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 4 Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scep - tre sways
 5 Crown Christ who holds the years, em - brac - ing space and time,



Hark! how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 Look past the peak of Cal - vary's road to Christ the glo - ri - fied.
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife, this fal - len world to save.
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



A - wake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you, And
 The sun that lights the sky is pale be - fore that sight. At
 Christ's glo - ries now we sing, Christ's name we mag - ni - fy, Who
 Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wound - ed feet a
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For you have died for me; Your



This hymn has evolved as a composite of the original text by Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring's version written twenty-three years later. Diademata was composed for Bridges' text and is titled for the Greek word meaning "crowns."

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

We Respond

Reception of New Members

L: Let us, the members of Grace United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

P: We welcome you with joy in the common life of the Church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Pastoral Prayers

Missions Moment Sanmar Family and Community Services

Stewardship Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

We are Sent

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Blessing

-Dag Hammarskjold (adapted)

Thou who art over us,
Thou who art one of us,
Thou who art:

Give us pure hearts, that we may see thee;
hearts of love, that we may serve thee;
And hearts of faith, that we may abide in thee. Amen.

Closing Hymn

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
(Tune When I survey the Wondrous Cross # 224)

NCH # 184

1 O wondrous sight, O vision fair
of glory that the church shall share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun, Christ glows!

2 From age to age the tale declare,
how with the three disciples there,
Where Moses and Elijah meet,
they with the Christ God's future greet.

3 The law and prophets there have place,
two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud
proclaims his only Son aloud.

4 With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

5 And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery,
For which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Dismissal

Postlude

Jonas Dawson

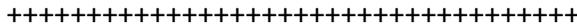


Virtual Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17th

7PM

Since we can't be together for Ash Wednesday,
we will be worshipping at 7 PM on
Wednesday, February 17th via Youtube as usual.



RECEIVE ASHES IN PERSON
in front of Grace UCC
(Pastor Rob will come out to you.)
Wednesday, February 17th
Noon—1PM



However... If you would like to receive ashes personally, pastor Rob will be available in front of the church from noon-1 PM for anyone who can stop by. I will prepare a short prayer and impose ashes for anyone who wants. I can also send a small amount of ash home with you for people who may not be able to come in person.

(You only need a tiny bit.)

No need to RSVP. I'll be ready from noon-1 for anyone who comes by. ~ Pastor Rob
(Stay masked!)

Season of Lent and Easter 2021

Virtual Worship and Study Schedule



Ash Wednesday Worship
Wed Feb 17 ~ 7 PM

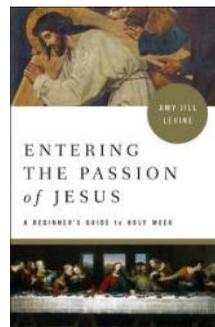
Lenten Book Study

Thursdays 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 — 7PM

Title: Entering the Passion of Jesus by Amy Jill Levine

Co-led by John Brehmer and Pastor Rob

Starting Thursday, February 18th — via Zoom : Join us!!

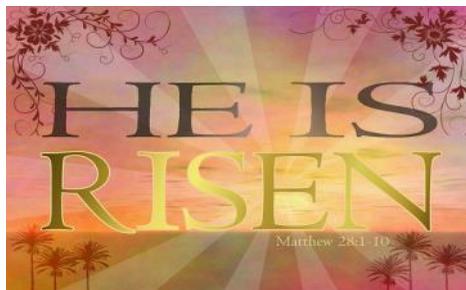


Palm Sunday Worship
Sun, March 28 ~ 11 AM

Maundy Thursday Service
Thur Apr 1 ~ 7 PM



Good Friday Service
Fri, Apr 2 ~ 7 PM



Sun, April 4th

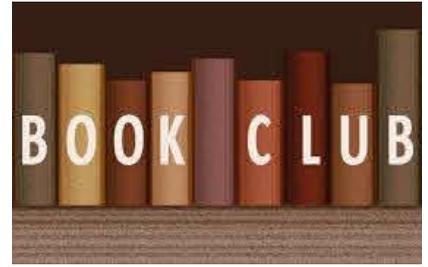
Easter Sunrise Service
6:30 AM

Easter Sunday Worship
11 AM

Grace UCC (Virtual) Book Club

Wednesdays @ 7PM

Join us if you'd like to socialize, stretch your mind, or just leave the daily grind of life behind for a bit.



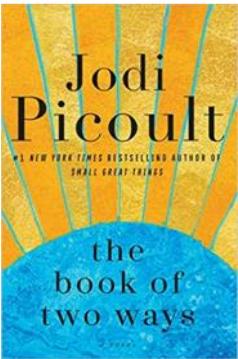
2/12/2021 -- MESSAGE FROM Missy Moxley

New Book title: *The Book of Two Ways* by Jodi Picoult.

Read through chapter 4 for Wednesday, 2/17 via Zoom at 7pm.

Book Title: the book of two ways

Author: Jodi Picoult



Everything changes in a single moment for Dawn Edelstein. She's on a plane when the flight attendant makes an announcement: Prepare for a crash landing. She braces herself as thoughts flash through her mind. The shocking thing is, the thoughts are not of her husband but of a man she last saw fifteen years ago: Wyatt Armstrong.

As the story unfolds, Dawn's two possible futures unspool side by side, as do the secrets and doubts long buried with them. Dawn must confront the questions she's never truly asked: What does a life well lived look like? When we leave this earth, what do we leave behind? Do we make choices . . . or do our choices make us? And who would you be if you hadn't turned out to be the person you are right now?

Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87119460232?pwd=ZHlPMHdFUzdsVzFnT0VwVDBkdjJwQT09>

also on our church website www.grucc.com and church Facebook page

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Email the church office at admin@grucc.com to be added to the email distribution list.



Every Wednesday

7-8:30PM

Small Groups Evening

Begins February 3rd!

Join us each Wednesday from 7-8:30 PM for our new small groups evening we are calling ***Wonderful Wednesdays!*** Every Wednesday, you are invited to join us for a small group that meets your interest. What groups will there be? That's up to you? A book group is already going strong. What ideas do you have? Let us know and we will create the space for you!

A FEW IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE SMALL GROUPS:

~**knit night** ~Moms of young children ~**singles**

~**Men's/Women's group** ~Lent/Advent Bible studies

~**Prayer/meditation circle** ~**LGBT** ~**young adults**

~**DIETERS** (for us who put the "19" in Covid-19!!!)

~**Fellowship Hour** (nothing planned, just come hang out and chat!)

How can you get involved? **SHARE YOUR SMALL GROUP IDEAS.**

Let us know if you have interest and we will create the room you need!

All you do each Wednesday is join us in the Zoom chat and choose the room you want to join!

Join us for ***Wonderful*** WEDNESDAYS starting February 3rd at 7 PM!

Contact Pastor Rob at pastorrob@grucc.com

or Sarah Petermann at admin@grucc.com



Living Psalm 139 – Epiphany 2 – Year B

Living Psalms Book

Psalms in the form of words and art, reborn in the specific contexts of our world, privileging the voices of historically marginalized communities and those acting in solidarity with them.

Living Psalm 139–Epiphany 2 B

It's something, isn't it,
to imagine being known
so thoroughly
that the pain you hold
is understood without you
having to say a single word,
without you having to testify
about your decision from last year
or ten years ago or yesterday,
when you said the thing that led
to the other thing that brought you
so low you thought you'd never be known
for more than the pain that crystallized
around your hopes and your heart?
It's something, isn't it,
to believe in One
who isn't afraid of your broken parts
or ugly deeds or the cowardice

or the fear or the anger or the
hundred other ways you have tried
to make yourself disappear
when you felt unworthy
of a great and abiding love
and had persuaded yourself
that forgiveness was beyond reach
and grace, an undeserved gift?
It's something, isn't it,
to be loved by God,
to be both fearfully
and wonderfully made
just as you are –
not happier, not a work in progress,
or with fewer secrets or scars –
but just you, as you are,
welcome at the table?

Living Psalm 139 for Epiphany 2 B was written by Maria Mankin.

Living Psalms Book is created by **UCC Witness & Worship Artists' Group**, a Network of UCC connected artists, activists and ministers bridging the worship and liturgy of the local church with witness and action in the community. Editor, Maren Tirabassi.

Logo is detail from **Living Psalm 80** by Sophia Beardemphl, Redwoods, CA. Recovering from significant bullying, Sophia, age nine, read Psalm 80 and thought of brokenness that needs mending. She drew this broken and mended bowl.

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Winter

Mission Project

Coats



& Socks

DRIVE



Please donate:

- * **New or gently used men's and women's coats**
- * **New socks (unisex, white or black)**
- * **Other warm articles of clothing**

Collection box will be outside on Sunday mornings and
M-F: 10AM to 3PM at the west-side door (left side of church).

Questions? Contact admin@grucc.com.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

Find sermons live streaming and archived at:

<https://www.youtube.com/gracelivefrederick>

In case of inclement weather which will not allow worship team to travel to

Grace on Sunday morning...Sunday Service will be accessible via Zoom Link.

Zoom link will be available via all church email, church website and FaceBook page

by 10 AM the morning of worship.

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