

*The United Methodist Church
12 Commerce Street
Clinton, CT*



**February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please stand in body, and/or spirit

Welcome, Acknowledgements of first-time visitors and announcements

Words to Ponder:

Glory fills the skies, as we see Christ transformed before our very eyes.

Introit

“Rainbow Valentine” - Patterson

Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship (Responsively)

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

We come to encounter God's glory revealed.

We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

We come to witness God's glory revealed.

We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

We come to remember God's glory revealed.

We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God!

Amen.

*Opening Hymn

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

No. 2173

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Source of light and love, reveal to us your glory. As you appeared to your servant Moses in devouring fire on Mount Sinai, appear to us now in power and might during our time of worship. As you revealed Christ's resplendent light to his disciples on the mountaintop, reveal your radiant light to us during our fellowship together. Transform us with your glory, that our souls might shine your light into a world shrouded in darkness. Amen.

Prayer of Yearning

Mighty God, we yearn to be called on a journey to climb your mountain of love and light. We long for the courage of Moses as we wait for your appearance, even when your powerful presence is like a devouring fire. Test our hearts, O God, that we might face our fears and prove ourselves worthy of your holy calling. Amen.

Brief moment of silent reflection

Words of Assurance

With tenderness and grace, Jesus shows us the power and the glory of God. Walk in the assurance of God's mercy and the promise of Christ's strength for the journey. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading (Old Testament)

Exodus 24:12-18

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Without Love" - Dengler

Chancel Choir

Children's Moment

Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

*2nd Scripture Reading (Gospel)

Matthew 17:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn

"Jesus, the Light of the World"

Insert

Sermon

"Awe-Inspiring Moment"

Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Offertory

*Doxology

#95

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Light of Light, even when our dreams grow dark, you bless us with your radiance and your love. Illumine the gifts we bring before you now, that the world may see your light in the shadows of our world. Illumine our very lives, that our souls may shine with Christ and bring his hope wherever we go. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

“We Shall Overcome”

#533

Benediction/Going Forth

Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Climb the mountain of God.

We will walk in the light and truth of God.

Do not fear the voice that calls from the heavens.

We will heed our call to follow Jesus.

Draw near to God's holy fire.

We will bathe in the warmth of our God.

Shine the light of Christ in the world.

We will be bold, for God goes with us.

*Response

“Bless Us Now”

Frank Milnes

Bless us now as we depart, watch o'er us, God, while we're apart; Give strength to conquer daily strain, and bring us to Thy house again. Amen

Postlude

Flowers are from Deb Anderson. 'Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.'
(Proverbs 12:25)

SUNDAY, FEB 15

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

11:00 Fellowship

MONDAY, FEB 16

President's Day-Office Closed

TUESDAY, FEB 17

10:00 Clever Crafters

7:00 Lenten Study Online

WEDNESDAY, FEB 18 (Ash Wednesday)

9:30 TOPS

5:00 Community Supper

THURSDAY, FEB 19

10:00 Lenten Study

7:30 Choir

FRIDAY, FEB 20

5:30 AA meeting

February 15th

Ushers: Sue Morrison, Diana Vincent, Rick Gilcher, Sherry Hynes

Camera Operator: Lisa Sutherland

Video Coordinator: Erica Babjak

Worship Leader: TBD

Lectionary scriptures: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 99 (UM819), 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: Pastor Rhonda R. Taylor

Fellowship Host: Jeane Jarusik

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Call to Worship - *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025*

Opening Prayer, Prayer of Yearning & Dedication, Benediction

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