

Immanuel United Church
Transfiguration Sunday
February 19, 2023

PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND TREATIES

Today, we acknowledge the land that we are gathered on is Treaty 1 territory ... the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota Peoples, as well as the homeland and heart of the Metis Nation, who for thousands of years, walked gently on this land with deeply rooted gifts of spirituality, culture and ways of knowing.

We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and give thanks for the connection we share with this land – in times past and also in the present day.

Today we are called to seek a new relationship as Indigenous and non- Indigenous people, creating one based on friendship, built on respect, and one that produces peace, remembering that we are all treaty people.

***As we enter this time of worship,
We Acknowledge the Christ Candle, marking the presence of light in our midst,
and the Rainbow Candle, symbolizing that we are an inclusive and affirming
community, and all belong here.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING STATEMENT AND PRAYER

Today is the last Sunday after the Epiphany, sometimes called the Transfiguration. Over the past 7 weeks Jesus has been revealed to the world through the Magi, Baptized by John and in a dramatic moment, a dove descends, and the words of God pronounce a blessing. He called disciples, and in the sermon on the mount, presented his vision of the renewal of God's world. Today on another mountaintop Matthew wants there to be no doubt that Jesus is the inheritor of the mantle of Moses and Elijah. It is a glorious moment to be held and cherished. A true apex experience. Yet God has other plans, Jesus has work to do. There is change needing to happen. They can't stay on the mountain top.

Let us pray:

Holy One teach us your way and your plan.

Lead us in the places where work is needed.

Use us, as servants of your kingdom, as the workers in your world.

AMEN

HYMN: VU# 104 We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding

MOMENT TO PONDER:

HYMN: VU# 584 Through the Heart of Every City

SCRIPTURE:

Exodus 24:12-18

Matthew 17:1-9

THE CHOIR ANTHEM: High Upon a Mountain

REFLECTION:

HYMN: VU# 421 Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER

We are gifted with tradition, with learning, with community,

Let us offer what we are, and what we have, so abundance will be shared, and the world might live.

Dedication: MV# 182 Grateful (chorus)

Prayer:

Holy One, receive the gifts we offer, the love we share, that your world might be blessed, and creation sing. AMEN

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - SUNG

HYMN: VU# 79 Arise Your Light Has Come

Blessing

Choral Amen

Postlude