

**First Presbyterian Church of Rolla  
Worship Service Transfiguration Last Sunday after Epiphany**

Feb. 15, 2026

**Pre-Service Music:**     *Morning Prayer*     Terry Osman

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Prelude:**           Unfailing Love           Wanda J. Cooley

**Introit:**            *Oh Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair*

**Responsive Call to Worship/Prayer of the Day**

Though finite human minds cannot fathom God's fullness,

**God gives us glimpses of her glory every day in the night sky's  
depths and in the simplest flower,**

in shared meals, shared stories, and shared struggles.

**In the face of every person made in her image, God's beauty  
glows like sunlight behind clouds.**

We share God's sacred longing to be known, to be truly seen and loved for  
all we are.

**But to be fully known, we must risk vulnerability.**

When we dare to share ourselves with one another, when we work to  
understand a friend or stranger,

**we come closer to catch a glimpse of God's presence. Let us  
worship God together.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**Word made flesh, Eternal Mystery, on that mountain, you came out to three of your closest friends: a fabulous, though temporary, transition into your authentic truth. Transfigure our hearts and minds until we can share this honor. Pierce through our clouds of unknowing, the presumptions and failures of imagination that shroud our capacity to see the real you. Inspire us to seek to know you better through relationships with people of all faiths, all cultures and experiences not our own, so that we might see, and know, and love you fully as we are fully known and loved by you. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn #12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (stand)

## **Call to Confession**

Standing in the light of Christ, we see the shadows hidden in our hearts.

**Let us tell the truth about ourselves, trusting in God's grace, that we might receive mercy and be renewed.**

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Magnificent God, we cannot stand before the glory of your presence. You shine with divine light, and we are overwhelmed by your goodness. Lift us in your mercy, release us from our fear, and fill us with your Spirit, that we might reflect your light and share your love, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Children of God, hear the good news: We are forgiven, again and again, by this glorious God.

**What a wonder! Alleluia!**

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

## **Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Glory to God #581:**      *Glory Be to the Father*

**Anthem:**                      *Grace Alone*                      Molly Ijames

**Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Merciful God.    **Receive our 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Hymn #192**                      *Shine, Jesus, Shine*    vs. 1 and 3                      (seated)

**Prayer for Illumination:**

**God of shining splendor, your voice makes the earth tremble in wonder. Overshadow us with your Spirit so that we may hear your Word and live as faithful disciples and covenant people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scriptures for the Day:**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Exodus 24:12 - 18

**Second Lesson:** 2 Peter 1:16 - 21.

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 17:1 – 9

A new teaching, with authority!

**Thanks be to God.**    *Mark 1:27*

**Sermon:**                      *The Mountain and the Valley*                      Jonathan Kimball

**Affirmation of Faith** (Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Canada, General Council 1968)

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings:** (please be seated)

**Offering #710:** *We Lift Our Voices*

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of glory, as people brought gifts to the infant Jesus, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts be used to lift up those who are oppressed, to bring deliverance to those who are in need, to support those who are poor, and to help those who are in trouble. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn #546:** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (stand)

**Charge and Benediction:**

(remain standing)

Beloved children of God,  
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
the grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the blessing of the Lord forever.

**Alleluia!**

*Mark 1:11, 9:7*

As Jesus called the first disciples,  
so he calls to us this day:

Follow me.

**Amen.**

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord!**

**Postlude:**      How Majestic Is Your Name      Arr. by Jay Rouse

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