St.Paul's United Church of Christ
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
9:30 A.M.
CRAIG HINK

ORGAN PRELUDE
RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 99)
L: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Holy One.
P: The Holy One is high on the mountain and exalted among the people.
L: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Mighty One.
P: The Mighty God is sovereign, loves justice, and establishes equity.
L: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Everlasting God.
P: The Everlasting God hears our cries and answers our call. Praise our God!

***Hymn of Praise** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #275

***Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)**
Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen.

***Silent Confession**
***Words of Assurance**

***GLORIA PATRI** Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

***Sign of Peace and Words of Welcome**
Please extend a word of welcome, warmth and friendship to those seated near you.

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew17: 1 - 8**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

SERMON THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #21

Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer – Lord's Prayer – Cares Chorus Response

OFFERING

Invitation & Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

Generous God, may these gifts bring you glory and honor and meet the needs of your people. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** I Sing the Mighty Power of God #28

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