



Thomas A. Edison
Congregational Church

February 11, 2024



Order of Worship

Madi Gras Sunday

(Please remember to silence your cell phone during the service.)

When the prelude begins, let us quiet our hearts and conversation.

Church Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Threads of Love

By: Lorie Line
Arr. By: Anita Ruth

Call to Worship (Responsively)

One: Take us to the mountaintop, O God; we will see things differently.

All: We will see the great faith figures of the past and value their influence.

One: Take us to the mountaintop, O God; we will be amazed.

All: We will see Your Beloved One, Jesus, and know He has words for us to hear.

One: Take us to the mountaintop, O God; we will be awed and afraid.

All: We will know the mystery of The Holy and be ready to worship.

One: Bring us down from the mountaintop, O God, and prepare us for service.

All: We will go about the saving work of Jesus in our church, in this neighborhood, and in our suffering world. Amen.

~adapted from Prayers to Share by: David Sparks

Hymn of Faith

Morning Has Broken

Tune: Bunesan, Gaelic Melody

**Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world!**

**Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day!**

Passing of the Peace

**May Christ be with you and Your Journey!
And also, with you!**

Prayer of Discipleship (Responsively)

One: Loving God, You, can transform the everyday routine.

**All: You can transform the ordinary with fresh insights and
new ways of looking at people we know.**

One: You can transform the faith community.

**All: You can transform the church through rededicated leaders
and a burning desire to make the gospel come alive**

around us.

One: You can transform each one of us.

All: You can transform us through a willingness to acknowledge our flaws, but also to accept our hidden talents and to put them to work in Christ's service.

One: You can transform our world.

All: You can transform the world through a series of small steps to promote peace, justice, and freedom, which start with us and with our faith community. Amen.

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Prayers of the People and Concerns of the Heart

The Lord's Prayer (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 and the power and the glory forever.**

Amen.

Song of Response

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Words and Music: Ken Medema

**Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Scripture

Mark 9:2-9

Jesus transformed

² Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, ³ and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. ⁴ Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Rabbi, it’s good that we’re here. Let’s make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He said this because he didn’t know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, “This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One had risen from the dead.

-Common English Bible

Response to the Sharing of God’s Story

The Story of God for the People of God;
Thanks be to God!

Gift of Music

Katy Sumrow, Soprano

Fly Away Medley

Arr. By: Mark Hayes

Tunes:

I'll Fly Away

We'll Understand It Better By and By

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

When Saints Go Marchin' In

Pastoral Words

Hymn of Faith #195

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Verses 1, 3, & 4

Invitation of the Offering

What we give and the spirit with which we give it, enables this church
to make a difference in the lives of all whom we touch.

Offertory

Katy Sumrow, Soprano

I Feel the Spirit Moving

Arr. By: Mark Hayes

Tune: Old Time Religion

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

**** 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.

Life of our church

Quilting on Wednesday at 12:00 pm.

No Faith Development
On Wednesday or Thursday

Ash Wednesday Service's
February 14th 6:30 PM

Today's flowers are gifted to the church by
Cheryl Ellis. We would like to thank
her for this beautiful gift.

Immediately following Today's service, Beth Moss will
have a discussion on: Health and Happiness.
Beth will discuss the meaning of happiness and
it's relationship to our physical and spiritual health.

Wednesday - February 21, 2024
Women's Fellowship – "Have a HEART for Children"
Live Auction here at the church. This is to help
support the Children's Ministry. Accepting donations.
Bring your own lunch at noon and Auction will
start right after lunch around 1:00pm.

INASMUCH 2023 – March 4th.
Bring your quarters to feed the machines.
We will have:
Small House Repairs
Foster Child Bags

*If interested in purchasing clothing for
Foster Children for Court Appearance,
please see shopping list on bulletin board
in Fellowship Hall. Due at church by February 25th*

No Sew Throws
Midwest Food Bank

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate
flowers to enhance our Sunday Service.

We are looking for Volunteers for Greeters and for Ushers.
Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board if interested.

For next week's God's word:
Ash Wednesday
A Beautiful Heart
Psalm 51

Benediction (responsively)

Our worship has ended, but now our life of service begins!
Go from this space, for you and I are the body of Christ, and all of creation
awaits us. So, live passionately, and love faithfully, and celebrate every
moment of your life from now until the Finale. Our God of relentless,
amazing, creative, and hopeful grace goes with us! Amen. **Amen.**

~ Adapted from The Rev. Michael S. Piazza

Postlude

Jubilate

By: Gordon Young

Time with our Children

Transfiguration

Mark 9:2-9

By Dr. Dan Wuori

I have a little test for you today – a reading test. I'm going to show you a word that I'm pretty sure some of you will know. Take a look quietly and put your finger on your nose if you can tell me what this word is...ready? (Reveal the paper, oriented to read "mom." Solicit children's answers.)

That's right – "mom." M-O-M spells mom, but are you sure that's what this word really says? What if I turn it over like this? (Turn paper over to orient the letters to read "wow.")

Hmm...You're right – and "wow" is a good word to describe it too, because just by turning the paper in a different direction we have a whole different word. It's the same paper – but we're seeing it in a whole new way.

Something similar happens in this week's Gospel lesson. Several of the disciples are walking with Jesus up a high mountain when all of a sudden, they see Him in a new and different way. His clothes suddenly become a dazzling white, and they hear the voice of God explaining that "this is My Son."

There's a special name for this in the Bible. See if you can say it with me. We call this the transfiguration. When something is transfigured, it changes the way it looks or is transformed. (We could say that caterpillars are transfigured when they change into butterflies – their whole appearance changes and they become something new.)

Jesus doesn't change His shape – but like with our "mom" sign, suddenly the disciples are able to see Him in a whole new way: as the Son of God.

It's a very exciting moment that changes everything for them.

Can we pray?

Dear God,

We thank you for revealing your Son, Jesus to us. Help us to live in His example this week. Amen

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PRAYER LIST

Our Church Members:

Kate Baumann; Roy Shipley; Barry Pierce; Liz Lloyd;
Dan Van Riper; Sharlene Dozier; Barbara Buch; Joe Helling.

Friends & Family:

Pat Tanguoso (Friend of the Church and Quilter);
Duane (Friend of Tom & Sherrie McIntyre); Shelly (friend of Pastor Anton);
Prayers for the family (Sister-in-law of Tom Johns & Joseph Helling); Betty
Denson; Jim Martin (Teri Martin's husband); Kim Gaide (for the passing of her
husband Dave); Martha Calvert, (Friend of Ian Laughlin); Jeffrey Lloyd (Son of
Liz Lloyd); John Schmidt (Gail Courtwright's brother); Carmella Colitti (great
niece of Rosemary Priore); Shannon Randall (daughter of co-worker of Pastor
Anton); Jim Marc-Aurele (Lou & Carol's son); Darlene Gonzales (Flo
Newbrough's sister); Bob and Darlene Kulesza (Bob is Carol Marc-Aurele's
brother); Rhonda and Hunter (friends of Martha Long)..

***No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here at Edison Congregational Church.
Welcome home!***

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Pianist - Barry Pierce

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