

Service of Holy Communion for Transfiguration
(Transfigured)

Invitation:

One: No one has to hide who they truly are. All will be transfigured here in the presence of our loving God. All are accepted just as they are for God has a vision for who they shall become. Enjoy this fellowship. Join this meal and become transfigured.

Confession:

All: We confess that we have often hid our true selves from you, just like Adam and Eve in the garden. We have been afraid that you wouldn't love us if we revealed who we truly are. We forget that we can never hide from you. We forget that you care about us and want only the best for us. We forget that you have never rejected us, but have revealed the perfect way for us to flourish. Fill us with your perfect love and cast out all our fears. Be always the safe harbor we seek. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

One: The one who watches over you, knows your going out and your coming in. God know every sin that needs repentance. Know that when we confess our sins, Christ is faithful and just to forgive those sins. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you too are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Thanksgiving:

One: Most see only the ordinary.

All: You reveal to us the extraordinary.

One: Most are not filled with amazement.

All: All that you have shared, fills us with awe and wonder.

One: This is why some see no reason to sing your praises.

All: This is why we cannot contain our feet from dancing and our voices from praise.

One: You dwell in us all,
ready to share your wisdom, mercy, and compassion.
The glory of your presence is tucked away
in the clay vessels you have crafted with your own hands.
We are transfixed when we see your glory in the lives of others,
as they are transfigured before our eyes.

We are over joyed to see you in all your glory.
You encourage the whole world to sing with joy.
You inspire all of heaven to respond with exaltation.

**All: Glorify your God!
Share your peace with all the earth!
Loving, merciful,
Kind and generous,
We worship you and give thanks,**

Transfigured by grace.

One: Our lives are transfigured by you, and so was Christ's.
Not just on mountain tops, but through out life.
Your light shone through his life, dispelling the darkness.
Your presence in Christ, brought into our world a peace that was beyond comprehension.
Your compassion found it's way through a healing touch and a gracious word.
Your very word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Christ was transfigured before his disciples
transforming before their eyes from teacher and Lord,
into a lowly servant radiating the grace of God,
through a humble basin of water and a dry towel.

All: Jesus invites us to let the world experience God through us too.

One: Christ was transfigured before his disciples
with a prayer transforming bread into the very presence of God.
"Take and eat, this is my body broken and shared with you."

All: Jesus invites us to let the world experience God through us too.

One: Christ was transfigured before his disciples
with a prayer transforming wine into the very presence of God.
"Take and drink from this cup filled with my blood,
poured out in celebration of God's everlasting covenant of grace.
God's promise of restorative justice, forgiving not only your sins,
but the sins of the whole world."

All: Jesus invites us to let the world experience God through us too.

One: We want to be transfigured too so all the world might know
that the Divine dwells in us too.
We have taken this divine mystery as our guide,
which we proclaim it to the world:

**All: Through Christ's death, resurrection, and return
we have experienced the glory of God.**

One: Glorious Revelation, Blinding Transfiguration
shine your brilliance upon these gifts of bread and wine.
Allow them to become for us the body and blood of Christ.

Glorious Revelation, Blinding Transfiguration
shine your brilliance upon the gift of our lives
allow them to become for the world your church
the glorious body and bride of Christ.

Glorious Revelation, Blinding Transfiguration

shine your brilliance throughout the Choptank United Methodist Charge.
Through these three congregations reveal your true presence through their ministries.
Let the world around them experience the living God living in their midst through them.
Let the world hear the voice of God singing in their hearts through them.
Let the world feel the saving grace of Jesus Christ in all they do.

**All: May it be so, and may Christ receive the glory.
May it be so, and may the Holy Spirit receive the praise.
May it be so, and may the God who dwells in each of our hearts be adored by all,
in us, in our communities, and in our world. Amen.**

One: Now may all pray the Lord's prayer in the language of their heart:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion:

**All: Our hearts are filled with gratitude for being invited to share in this divine mystery.
Christ has been transfigured in our midst and we have worshiped in your presence.
We have been filled with amazement and over whelming joy. Now send us out,
transfigured, so that the world around us may also be brought into your redeeming
presence. May they see you in us, always. Amen.**

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