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An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



Transfiguration of Christ, Anonymous, 1600

10:15 a.m.

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome!

Welcome to our guests! Thank you for being here. It is such a joy to worship with you. Please speak to any member of the Pastoral Team if you would like to explore how our church may become your spiritual home. As an **Open and Affirming** congregation we seek to extend the extravagant welcome of God to all people, all the time. Regardless of your race, class, ancestry, gender identity, marital status, ability, age, immigration status, or sexual orientation, you are always welcome at First Church. We affirm your inherent dignity as a child of God. God created you just as you are and loves you just as you are. We do, too!

Children's Ministries: Babies are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. We also have a nursery (accessible through the "baby breezeway" in the back of the Sanctuary). First Church offers child care (for ages 3 months to 3 years) with professional nursery staff on Sundays @ 9:45am-11:45am. Sunday School classes are known as "Disciple Road" (age 4 through 5th grade) and "Middle Road" (6th grade and up). We also have a children's choir. Reach out to Kim Feeney (kfeeney@firstchurchfairfield.org) for more information about our children's ministries & faith formation programs.

We have a **hearing assist system** for those with Bluetooth enabled hearing aids available and also have receivers with earpieces available. Please speak to an usher for assistance.

Leading Us in Worship

The Rev. Vanessa Rose, Pastor

Dr. Frank Martignetti, Director of Music & Organist

Kim Feeney, Minister of Children & Families

Chancel Choir

Deacons: Heather Hodgeman

Ushers: Candace Meader & Cheryl Camarota

Worship leaders speak the text in regular type.
All the People of God speak the text in boldface.

Italic Text provides explanation or instruction.

* Please stand if you are able.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prelude

Suite bergamasque, L. 75
3. Clair de Lune

Claude Debussy

Welcome and Announcements

Friendship Register

Introit

Glorious Is Your Name, O Jesus

***Call To Worship**

One: The call of the Holy One has brought us together.

All: We have been called to pray and to praise.

One: We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

All: May the light of Love burn brightly in us.

One: May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds.

All: May it become a beacon of hope for others.

***Hymn**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

86 New Century Hymnal

***Prayer of Invocation and the Lord's 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

One: May the peace of God be with you!

All: And also with you!

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

***Hymn of Praise**

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

Scripture

Exodus 34:29-35, Luke 9:28-36

Sermon

The Rev. Vanessa Rose

***Hymn**

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

182 *New Century Hymnal*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Joys and Concerns

The flowers this morning are given by Ben Lee and Emily Tang-Lee in loving memory of their infant son, Nathaniel Leavenworth Lee, who passed away on March 7 last year. Nate is dearly missed by his brother and sister, Matthew and Claire, his grandparents James and Madeline Lee, and Minh and Tuyet Tang, and all his aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Offering

The loose plate offering will go to the work of the Deacons' Emergency Assistance Fund.

Offertory

O Nata Lux

Thomas Tallis

O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in
flesh

for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body

Please Hold in Your Prayers

Disciples at First Church: We pray for Chris Bernd; Sandy Bromer; LaNeil Brown, Sr.; Dan Christianson; Betsy Dalling; Fernando Destrugé; Gloria Evans; Charlotte Jefremow; Christy Jefremow; Nancy Jones and family; Cathy Kane, her brother Scott and great niece Amelia; Adelaide Kitchen; Jerry Krenke; Beth McKinnis, Penny Stevens; Julie Traum; Doug Van Esselstyn and the family and friends of Joann Van Esselsteyn; Kathy Verdier; Andrea Wakeman; Elinor Wilber; and Edith Zambo. We hold in our prayers all those who face living with memory loss and Alzheimer's disease and we pray for their caregivers. **Serving in the military:** James Classy, Sam Classy, Trevor Dawson, David Elmore, Andrew Holms, Charles Ikeda, Kelcy McKenzie, and Christopher Muschett.

Family and Friends: Hal Burdick (Friend of David McKinnis,) Connie Accomando (Jim's mom); Tracy Bloom (sister of Michael Traum); Catherine Brawer; Chris Coogan, (friend of Paul Cahill) Diane Studwell Crawley; Brandon Deedon (Pertrinea Cash's son); Paul Douglas (Rita Skog's cousin); Lynelle Dupuis (sister of Bethany); Carter Faustini; Kimberly Fetteri (friend of the Gindek family); Anthony Gentile, Nate Gifford (Connie Sargent's cousin); Greenawalt and Darnall Families (Gindek family); Bill Fry (Penny Stevens' brother-in-law), Catherine Grover; Walter Haenn (brother of Madeline Lee); Yochai Harel, Melanie Rainbow-Harel and family (friends of Michelle Walker); Peter Hey (brother of Lin Clayton); Christina Holms (Connie and Bill Sargent's niece); Scott Kimmel; Nancy King; Susan Labas (friend of Patty Bilotto); Peter Maloney; Verne Marble (Charlotte Dyslin's mother); John Mastropietro, Lila (friend of Beth McKinnis); Heather McNicholl (friend of Charlotte Dyslin), Dorothy Michalowski (friend of Connie and Bill Sargent); Andre Mirkine; Rosie Perera (friend of David McKinnis,) Barbara Peterson (friend of Ted and Judy Andre); Artie Quinn; Helen Ranholm (cousin of Connie Sargent), Dick Reese (father in law of Melissa Stanhewicz); Patty Roberts (cousin of Connie and Bill Sargent); Rosalie Rutkauskas (Jessie's Grandmother); Darlene and Bobby Scaia (Pat Bilotto's cousins); David Skog (son of Rita Skog); Tedi Spotswood (David McKinnis' aunt,) John Anderson (David McKinnis' uncle); Mark, Crystal and baby Selene (friends of Beth McKinnis.); Cleo Vernon (The Rev. Kathy Williamson's mother), Dr. Abraham Yale.

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Let's Celebrate
FAT TUESDAY

Come one, come all! Join us for Fellowship Hour in Wakeman Hall after the 10:15 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 2 as we celebrate Fat Tuesday (a little early) with cake, cookies, and all things delicious.



LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

FIRST CHURCH OF FAIRFIELD

MARCH 5
BABBITT

MARCH 19
MARTIGNETTI

MARCH 26
SYMONS

MARCH 12
HAMAN

WEDNESDAYS
12:15-12:45

APRIL 2
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Our annual service will be held on
March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the
sanctuary. Please join us as we
begin the Lenten season!

March 11th, 7pm

October 7th Survivor Testimony

Join the interfaith community and the Fairfield Jewish Advocacy Coalition (FJAC) to hear testimony from Gal Cohen-Solal, a 37-year-old from Kibbutz Re'im.

The evening will include a 45-minute presentation followed by a Q&A. The event is open to the public; however, advance registration is required and walk-ins will not be permitted.

Email FJAC203@gmail.com for more information



The Racial Justice Committee of First Church Presents:

Kimberly Wilson in

“A Journey”

Musical One-Woman Show

Saturday, March 22 at 7 p.m.

First Church of Fairfield

148 Beach Road

Tickets @ FirstChurchFairfield.org

