

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday***



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Prelude

Variations on SLANE
("Be Thou My Vision")

Charles Callahan

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Glenn Weidner, Liturgist

Liturgist: I come to God's temple today to remember:

People: That I am – myself – God's living temple:

Liturgist: That the one who sits beside me is God's living temple;

People: That the stranger I meet is God's living temple;

Liturgist: That family, friends, colleagues, students, employees are God's living temples;

People: That even my enemy is God's living temple.

All: I come today to consecrate myself anew to provide a holy heart of radical welcome and to respect the holy integrity of others.

***Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

No. 502

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: Endless love, teach us to love as you love;

without lust, which treats our sisters as objects;

without violence, which treats our brothers as objects;

without expectation of reward, which treats our friends as objects;

without greed, which treats our neighbors as objects;

without hatred, which treats our enemies as objects.

Teach us to love as you love: with patience, with forgiveness, with respect, with joy, with generosity. In honor of those whose love conceived us, nurtured us, upheld us, and enfolded us, we commit ourselves to love's learning and practice. May it be so. Amen.

Response

"Gloria Patri"

No. 734

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, Amen.

Anthem

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Mark Hayes

*Throughout the bulletin, when you see an * you are invited to stand if you are able.*

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as Christ our savior has taught us.

All: 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.

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** "Christ Beside Me" No. 425

Scripture Matthew 17:1-9 NT p. 23
Sermon "Vertical or Horizontal Morality?" Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh

***Hymn** "Sing of God Made Manifest" No. 247

***Benediction**

Response "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" No. 711, vs. 1

**Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
and now departing, wait your word of peace.**

Postlude *Fiat lux* Théodore Dubois
("Let There Be Light")

If you are leaving the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly.

The Lead Deacon this month is Carissa Johnstone assisted by Ed McCarthy

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 15 th	10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Worship / Sunday School Mardi Gras Pancake Luncheon Confirmation Class
Monday, 16 th	2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Facilities Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 18 th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service "The Chosen" Discussion Group Cub Scout Pack 33 Meeting
Thursday, 19 th	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Board of Deacons Meeting Troop 34 Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 20 th	2:30 pm	May Day Basket Workshop
Saturday, 21 st	9:00 am	Sacred Dance Practice
Sunday, 22 nd	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship/ Sunday School Church Council Meeting
Monday, 23 rd	3:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution Voice Deadline for March Edition
Tuesday, 24 th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Book Study – Climate Church, Climate World Administration Board Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, 25 th	6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	"The Chosen" Discussion Group Cub Scout Pack 33 Meeting PFLAG Meeting
Thursday, 26 th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Troop 34 Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal

Mardi Gras Pancake Luncheon – Sunday 2/15 at 11am

Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday 2/18 at 6pm

The Chosen Discussion Group meets Wednesday, 2/18 at 6:30pm.

Bring your friends and family members!

May Day Basket Workshop Friday 2/20 at 2:30 pm

Jack & Jill Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Friday March 20, call the office for details & reservations (508) 222-4677- Deadline 3/6/26

Order forms are available on the table in the narthex.

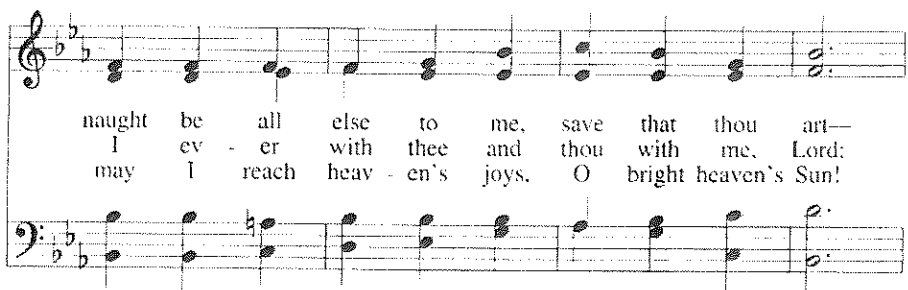
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Be Thou My Vision

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1 Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,
 3 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won.



naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light,
 high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art,
 still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Irish hymn, 8th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931); versed Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935)
 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

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Christ Beside Me

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1 Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me,
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand.
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - a - bout me.
 4 Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me.

Christ be - hind me— King of my heart;
 Christ all a - round me— shield in the strife;
 Christ be on all tongues tell - ing of me;
 Christ be - hind me— King of my heart;

Christ with - in me, Christ be - low me,
 Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in that sit - ting,
 Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that see me,
 Christ with - in me, Christ be - low me,

Christ a - bove me— nev - er to part.
 Christ in my ris - ing - light of my life.
 in ears that hear me— Christ ev - er be.
 Christ a - bove me— nev - er to part.

WORDS: James Quinn, S.J. (1919-); adapt. from St. Patrick's Breastplate
 MUSIC: Gaelic melody, arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

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1 Sing of God made man-i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man-i - fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man-i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man-i - fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest.

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them.
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:

Ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys-te - rious and pro-found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank-in - cense and gold grave and God and King fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint-ed One: "This is my be - lov-ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw Jr. (1944+)

MUSIC: Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); arr. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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