

# EPIPHANY 2026 BY ANOTHER ROAD



**Serve & Enrich**  
Zion United Church  
of Christ

**Our Mission:** United by Christ's loving embrace, a welcoming light in an unsure world, we serve and enrich the community and provide a safe gathering space for fellowship, spiritual growth, and self-exploration.

**Our Vision:** Transforming and caring for our community through Christ's love.

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**February 15, 2026 – Transfiguration Sunday**

## Prelude

**Gathering**—Listen, for God is still speaking. Look, for God is still present. Worship, for God is in our midst.~

**\*Gathering Song**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*, 48

**Prayer**—Source of light and love, reveal to us your glory. As you revealed Christ's resplendent light to his disciples on the mountaintop, reveal your radiant light to us during our fellowship together. Transform us with your glory, that our souls might shine your light into a world shrouded in darkness.~

**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.

## Exploring Together

**Scripture**

*Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSVUE)*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.<sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light.<sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.<sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”<sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.<sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.”<sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

*2 Peter 1:16-21 (NRSVUE)*

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation,<sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## Reflection

*The Glory of Christ is All Around*

## Hymn

*We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding*, 245

## We Respond to God’s Word with Our Giving

**Invitation**—As God has blessed us with the glory of love and light, so God invites us to share these gifts to light God’s world.~

## February Benevolence

*Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries (CUE)*

## \*Doxology

**We Give Thanks**—Embolden us, Mighty God, to give us fully as we have received. Multiply the gifts we return to you now, that they may empower the lives of many with your glory and your grace.~

**Benediction (responsive)**

One: Climb the mountain of God.  
**Many:** **We will walk in the light and truth of God.**  
One: Do not fear the voice that calls from the heavens.  
**Many:** **We will bathe in the warmth of our God.**  
One: Shine the light of Christ in the world.  
**Many:** **We will be bold, for God goes with us.~**

**Postlude**

~ Scifres, Mary; Beu, B.J.. Abingdon Worship Annual 2026. Abingdon Press.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS****THIS WEEK AT ZION**

- Sunday, after worship – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lunch, 11:30 reservation under “Zion”
- Monday, 6:30 pm – Meeting with new scout leadership
- Tuesday, 6:30 pm – Young Adult Matthew Study (Zoom)
- Wednesday, 7 pm – Ash Wednesday Worship, in-person and online
- Thursday, 11 am – Golden Friends State of Aging Presentation (Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, 6 pm – Council Finance Team (Zoom)
- Thursday, 7 pm – All Church Matthew Study (Zoom)
- Sunday, February 22, 9 am – Bell Choir
- Sunday, February 22, after worship – Congregational Meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **ANNUAL REPORTS**—Thank you to everyone who submitted their annual reports! Reports are now available in the sanctuary for our February Congregational Meeting.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**—Council invites you to join us for our February Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 22, after worship. We will receive our Annual Reports and share any updates council may have.

**SERVE**

- **FEBRUARY BENEVOLENCE: Chicago, United, and Eden Seminaries (CUE)**—The CUE regional seminary support program brings together over 2,000 United Church of Christ churches in mid-America in support of our three UCC seminaries of the region. The goal of this offering is to support our seminaries in equipping prophetic and compassionate leaders for ministry.

**ENRICH**

- **MATTHEW SMALL GROUPS**—The Faith Formation Team invites everyone in the church to join one of the small groups that will be reading through the Gospel of Matthew. The Young Adult Group will begin their small group on February 10 at 6:30 pm on Zoom and will meet on Tuesdays during Lent. Another Zoom small group will be offered on Thursdays during Lent, starting on February 19 at 7 pm. Zoom links are included in the weekly email each Saturday. An in-person group will be offered on Tuesdays from 1-2:30 pm starting in April at Paula’s house. We hope this will be a nurturing practice that not only strengthens our spirits but deepens our relationships with each other.
- **LENT**—Lent begins February 18. Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship at 7 pm, either in-person or online. Our Lenten Worship Series this year is based on the book *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (and Other Wanderers)* by Eric Elnes. The series is about “seeing life through new” eyes, recognizing that experiences of failure, emptiness, and uncertainty are as critical for finding our way through life as they are unavoidable.” We will see how experiences of life through the “dark wood” are actually clues to our “calling” or “life path.” How can the struggles of life be the seedbed of spiritual awakening to the fulness of life?
- **MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP**—The Worship Team is once again offering Midweek Lenten Worship online. Check your email each Wednesday morning for the link to a short service of scripture, song, and contemplation.
- **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY LUNCH**—Join us after worship today at Sero’s. In the spirit of Shrove Tuesday, as we prepare for Lent, we thought a nice breakfast spot was a good idea. Our reservation is at 11:30 am for 10 people under “Zion.”
- **GOLDEN FRIENDS**—Research shows that older adults are the fastest growing demographic in Central Indiana, as approximately 24,000 adults turn 55 and 22,000 turn 60 each year. By the year 2030, one in every five Hoosiers will be over the age of 65. To enhance the ability of older adults to live and thrive in Central Indiana, it is important to understand the population trends, notable changes, and basic needs of this growing demographic. Join the Golden Friends on Thursday, February 19 at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall to hear from the Polis Center of the IU Luddy School of Informatics, Computing & Engineering as they present their research on the State of Aging in Central Indiana. The goal of this research is to help older adults have a healthy, dignified, and enjoyable life.