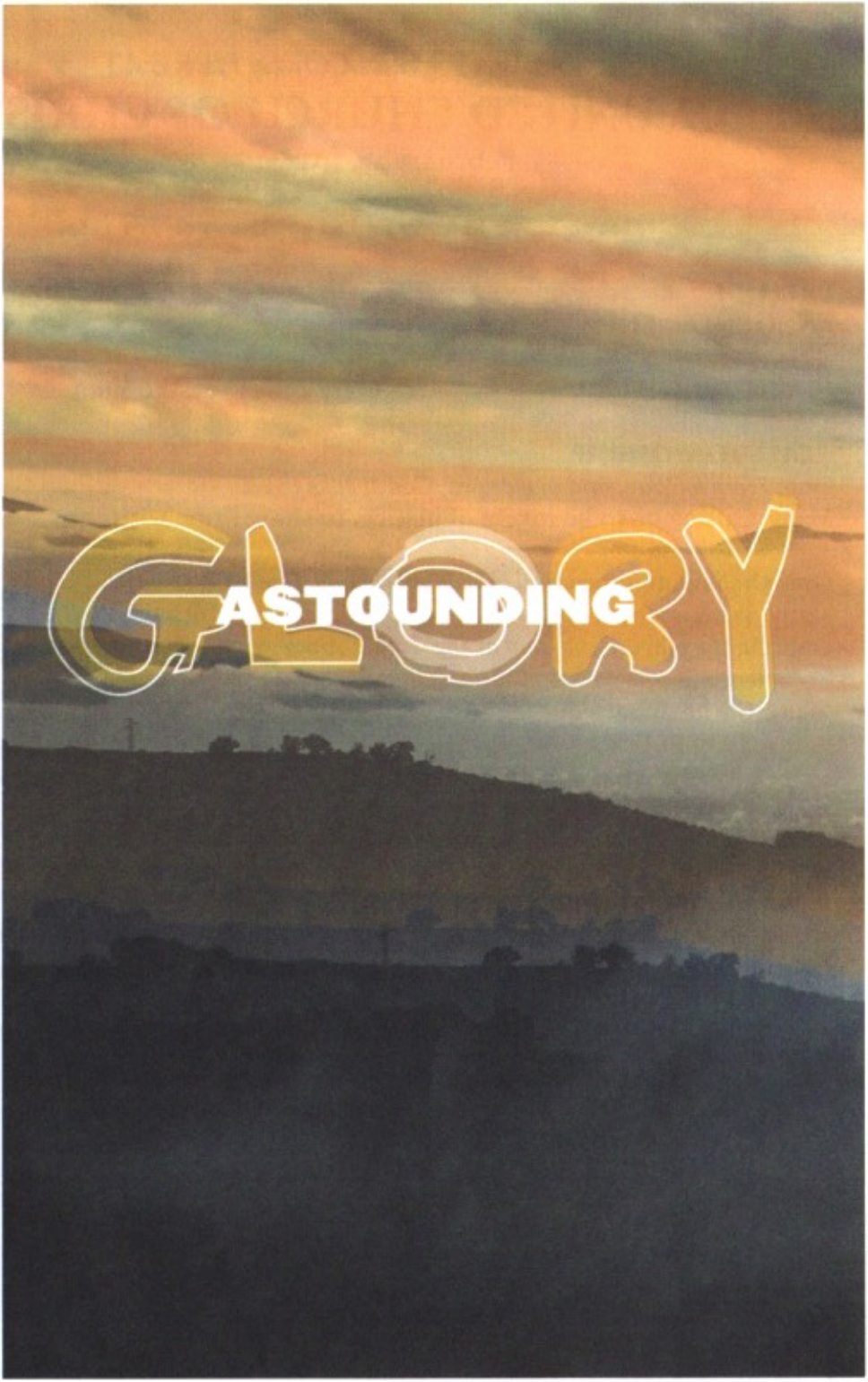
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*YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE AT*

# PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**February 27, 2022**

***Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able.**

**PRELUDE**
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING MUSIC** #282 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
One: *From a cloud, and in a crowd, God speaks to us.*
Many: **Calling us to be lovers of justice, to share hope with the broken.**
One: *On mountaintops, and in neighborhoods, God calls to us.*
Many: **With a word, and with wonder, molding us into who we are.**
One: *On the playground, and at the workstation, the Spirit whispers in our hearts.*
Many: **Gathering up our fears, as well as our dreams, and offering them to God.**

***OPENING PRAYER** (in unison)
**God of Light, shine in us, so that we might show your love to the world. Burn in us, so that we might be inspired to make a difference in our world for the oppressed and the downtrodden. Kindle in us sparks of hope when the darkness creeps in, and help us to share this holy fire with others. Cleanse us from the old fears and haunts, so that we might grow deep in faith of your everlasting love. Help us to share your light with the world, and help us to shine always without fear. Amen.**

***HYMN** #473 Blessed Assurance

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 99, page 687 New Century Hymnal
**SUNG PSALTER RESPONSE** #7 All people That on Earth Do Dwell

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**
**SILENT PRAYERS, INTERCESSORY PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BIBLICAL TESTIMONY:** Luke 9:28-36

*28Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.29And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.30Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.31They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.32Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.33Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said.34While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.35Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"36When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.*

**CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY:** "Dazzling: A Blessing for Transfiguration Sunday" by Jan Richardson found at The Painted Prayerbook

*Believe me, I know how tempting it is to remain inside this blessing,*
*to linger where everything is dazzling and clear.*
*We could build walls around this blessing, put a roof over it.*
*We could bring in a table, chairs, have the most amazing meals.*
*We could make a home. We could stay.*
*But this blessing is built for leaving.*
*This blessing is made for coming down the mountain.*
*This blessing wants to be in motion, to travel with you*
*as you return to level ground.*
*It will seem strange how quiet this blessing becomes when it returns to earth.*
*It is not shy. It is not afraid.*
*It simply knows how to bide its time,*
*to watch and wait, to discern and pray*
*until the moment comes when it will reveal everything it knows,*
*when it will shine forth with all that it has seen,*
*when it will dazzle with the unforgettable light*
*you have carried all this way.*

(see insert)

**SERMON** Dazzled

**OFFERING - OFFERTORY *DOXOLOGY**
*** DEDICATION OF GIFTS**
**Creator God, as we faithfully offer our gifts this morning, may they be used to make your presence known to a hurting world – not just on mountaintops or in clouds, but in the day by day world in which we live. Amen**

***HYMN** #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness

**BENEDICTION**
**POSTLUDE**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP TIME BEFORE CHURCH. Beginning at 9:30.**

**PASTOR MELANIE'S OFFICE HOURS are on Sundays, 1:30-3:30. Call or text if you'd like to meet with her. She can be reached at (402) 841-1450 or revdocmel@gmail.com**

**CONFIRMATION meets following worship.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, March 2nd, 7 PM We will meet at Alex and Maggie Ritter's at 7 PM for a bonfire, the imposition of ashes (optional) and a time of reflection. You are invited to bring junk mail or cardboard boxes on which we will write our sorrows and losses from 2021.**

**PEACE UCC LENTEN BOOK STUDY will meet Wednesdays at 7PM, beginning March 9th in the Fellowship Hall. We will be reading and discussing Amy-Jill Levine's book "Entering the Passion of Jesus". All are welcome.**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Tilden will be holding their annual ST. PAT'S BASH FUNDRAISER on Sunday, March 20th from 11am - 2pm in the OLMC parish hall, 300 E. 2nd St. in Tilden. On**

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the menu are soups, sandwiches, desserts and beverages for a free will donation. Join in the fun with a variety of games and raffles. Prizes include a Hisense 50" Smart TV, Handmade Quilt, Husker Football Tickets, Cash Prizes, and much more. Raffles begin at 2pm, and you need not be present to win. Bring your friends and family, and test your luck at the St. Pat's Bash.

**RISEN MOTHERHOOD BOOK READING GROUP** will meet each Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. It will also be available through zoom if unable to attend in person. For more information please contact Maggie at 402-525-1765.

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**NURSING CENTER/HOMEBOUND PRAYER LIST:**

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| Deloris Ashburn | Clara Ritter | Diann Larson |

**CONCERNS**

Pierce family who lost 3 children in house fire.
War in Ukraine
"Hate-full" and Divided America
Members of Tilden Church of Christ
Graham Sayers, infant son of Lisa (Henseleit) and Jay Sayers

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| Keith Redinbaugh | Diann Larson | Ciera Nygren |
| Bill Rittscher | Clara Ritter | Gene Fields |
| Jesse Johnson | Dustin Meyer | Eric Heithoff |
| McCoy Backer | Laura Rutjens | Fr. Pat Nields |
| Deloris Mozer | Michelle Dittmer | Kandi Hart |
| Deloris Ashburn | Dave Carstens | Carter Brown |
| John Johnson | Holli Perez | Theresa Sullivan Meyer |

**JOYS**

Elkhorn Valley Girls Basketball team going to State!!!