St. Paul's United Church

February 15th, 2015 Transfiguration Sunday * = please stand as you are able

Prelude:

*Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, and also with you.

Introit VU 25(vs 1)

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, see the lamb for sinners slain!
Thousand, thousand saints attending join to sing the glad refrain:
hallelujah, hallelujah,
God appears on earth to reign.
Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The Lord has called you here this day.

Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.

Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

Lord, make us ready to serve you.

Come, let us worship God!

Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One.

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12

*Opening Hymn This is God's Wondrous World VU 296

Prayer of Reconciliation (*Responsive*)

Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, do not be silent, but speak, that we may hear.

Speak justice, that we may correct our lawlessness. Speak righteousness, that we may know your ways. Speak compassion, that we may know your mercy. Speak abundance, that we may serve others. Speak understanding, that we may be peacemakers.

Speak glory, that we may know your Son.

Speak, and we will listen to you.

You promise forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace when we speak our shortcomings.

We speak of mistakes we have made.

We speak of abandoning your ways.

We speak of failures to show compassion and mercy.

We speak of our need for forgiveness.

Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, hear our prayer and lead us into fullness of life.

Silence

Assurance of God's Love

Sharing the Sacraments

Sacrament of Holy Communion (*Blue Insert*)
Sacrament of Baptism of Airdie Joanne Jemma Smith (*Purple Insert*)

Hymn Dance With The Spirit (x2)

VU 156

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', walk with the Spirit throughout the long day. Work and hope for the new life a-bornin', listen to the Spirit to show you the way!

Prayers of the People

Moment for Community

*Hymn Each Blade of Grass MV 37

Offertory

*Dedication Verse For The Gift of Creation VU 538

For the gift of creation the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.

May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

*Dedication Prayer (*Unison*)

Lord Jesus, all that we have is yours, and all that we are is yours. In offering these tokens of our lives, may all that we do serve you to the glory of God. AMEN

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9 Rev. Richard Bowley

Anthem

Message

*Hymn Teach me, God, to Wonder VU 299

*Commissioning (Responsive)

Get ready to serve the Lord.

We go in peace and joy, sharing the good news of Jesus' transforming love and power for all. AMEN.

*Benediction

*Choral Closing Peace Be With You MV 215

Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you my friends.

Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.

Postlude