

Special Days This Week

February 26 – Ayyam-i-Ha begins (*Baha'i*)

This period adjusts the Baha'i year to the solar calendar. It leads to the 19-day fast. Each day of Ayyam-i-Ha is marked by a different virtue such as hospitality, gift giving, or charity.

About the Art

In **Face to Face**, Cornelis Monsma, a Dutch painter living in New Zealand, aims to bring an expression of Christ's presence from within. Two light-filled shapes mirror each other, commune, and fuse together in a display of beauty, mystery, comfort, and power. We are not alone – God is with us and within us.

Our Worship Leadership for Today – February 19, 2012

Preacher	Rev. Linda M. Butler, pastor
Liturgist	Lisa Niedert
Acolytes	Mark Rowe-Barth
Greeters	Great Hall— Bob & Ginny Rule South Door— Sue Ilax
Ushers	Merlin Taylor & Kent Shankle
Nursery	Karen Krueger & Kendall Krueger
Sound, Lights, & Projection	Russ Clarke
Organist	Janet Krebs
Choir Director	Alice Reid Pruisner
Director of Music/pianist	Peter Roberts

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Liturgist— Spencer Luvert
Acolyte—Lisa Niedert
Greeters—South Door—Krysten Reid
Great Hall—David & Sharon Walker

Thin Places



St. Timothy's United Methodist Church

Transfiguration Sunday

February is Black History Month

February 19, 2012 10:15am

Liturgical color: white

Large print bulletins and hymnals and hearing aid devices are available. A nursery is provided for children who have not entered First Grade. Ask an usher to help you.

** Please stand as you are able*

Gather

Prelude "Nothing Between" Tindley

Greeting and Welcome

We invite you to indicate your presence with us on the Pew Pads, which will be given to each row by the ushers.

Announcements and Opportunities for Service

Please come to the pulpit to share a brief word about your ministry opportunity.

***Call to Worship**

ONE: We have come to worship amongst all creation.

ALL: It is good that we are here.

ONE: We have come to worship in this nation of the United States of America.

ALL: It is good that we are here.

ONE: We have come to worship in this city/town of Cedar Falls.

ALL: It is good that we are here.

ONE: We have come to worship in this house of prayer.

ALL: It is good that we are here.

ONE: And God calls to us, a voice in a cloud.

**ALL: Jesus is my Beloved; listen,
it is good that we are here to listen together
for the Word of God. Amen.**

***Opening Song** "O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair" Red hymnal, 258

Opening Prayer

One: We climb mountains seeking you, God, but not knowing quite what we are looking for.
Your presence appears as a voice from the clouds, bright as dazzling light,
as incomprehensible mystery, the extraordinary breaking through into the ordinary,
and we are touched by the holy.

All: In these high places, in the thin places, we see, we hear, we know you, God – closer, deeper, beyond imagining, beyond expressing.

One: Take us to the thin places. Lead us to moments of epiphany, revelation.
Guide us to thin places where holiness touches ordinariness, and where we long to see
you face to face. Amen.

Pray

Call to Prayer

“Spirit of Life”

Spirit of Life,
come unto me.
Sing in my heart
all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind,
rise in the sea,
move in the hand,
giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close,
wings set me free;
Spirit of Life,
come to me,
come to me.

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Prayers of the People - *sharing our prayers of thanksgiving and concern*

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Response

“Spirit of Life”
Spirit of Life,
come unto me.
Sing in my heart
all the stirrings of compassion.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Mother and 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Engage

A Time for Children

(Sing “Where Children Belong,” 2233 in the Black Hymnal, as the children come forward.)

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Moving into the Focus Scripture

Focus Scripture	Mark 9:2-9	Pew Bible, 36
*Scripture Hymn	“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”	Black hymnal, 2103
Sermon	“Thin Places”	Rev. Linda M. Butler

Respond

Ministry of Music “High Upon a Mountain” by L. Larson Chancel Choir

Offertory Sentences

God draws us to the top of the mountain, to behold and worship God. But then God sends us down from the mountain, to the sick, the hungry, the fearful, that we might share the good news of the Kingdom and the signs of its presence. Brothers and sisters, let us share the gifts of God’s goodness in our lives, that others might be blessed. - *Word and Witness*

Offertory	“In This Very Room”	Hutson
*Dedication Song	“Sanctuary”	Black Hymnal, 2164
	Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With Thanksgiving, I’ll be a living, sanctuary for you.	
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***Prayer of Dedication** unison
These gifts are given in response to your never-ending presence with your creation, O God. Even when we don’t feel you near us, we trust. We offer ourselves, and our gifts, into that presence, following your voice, and listening for where Jesus will call us. Amen.

Bless

*Hymn	“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”	Black hymnal, 2102
*Blessing		
*Postlude	“Beautiful Savior”	Cherwien