

# February 15, 2026

## Transfiguration of Our Lord

### *The Man Born Blind*

#### **Welcome to Worship**

We are an intentionally inclusive community, proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, and ability into all aspects of our church life.

~ Faith Lutheran Church

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, including the Duwamish People past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.



# WE ARE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Everything you need to **follow the service** is in this bulletin.

Please take a moment to fill out the **information card** found in the pew rack. Place the card in the offering plate so we can be in touch with you.

**Prayer requests** to be offered during worship can be written on the prayer request card in the pew rack and passed toward the center aisle where it will be collected by an usher during the first hymn.

There are **coffee and treats** in the Library after the service. We would like to welcome you to continued fellowship. **Restrooms** are located on the far side of the Library or down the main stairs. Should an emergency occur an **AED unit** is located in the narthex on the wall by the main entrance. **Masks and sanitizer** are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

The **elevator** is located at the top of the stairs in the Narthex. Feel free to **explore** the building and ask questions of the pastors, ushers, or anyone you see!

We encourage you to introduce yourselves and hope you feel **comfortable** here.

**Children are welcome and highly encouraged to be in worship.** We understand that children have the need to move and make sound; which we find to be a joyful and important part of worship. **Blessing Bags** are found near both entrances of the sanctuary filled with activities for children. A **cry room** is available at the back of the sanctuary should you need a brief respite.

Faith Lutheran Church is a **lively, caring, and energetic** community.  
We are so glad you are here!



### **Overview of the Scripture**

*The narrative lectionary is colliding with Transfiguration Sunday in a way you may not have experienced before. The Transfiguration text tells of Jesus going up the mountain with his disciples and they are witness to his divine glory. However, the assigned story in the narrative lectionary is about Jesus healing the blind. Sometimes we cannot or do not want to see what is in front of us. It can be painful or subduing. Recognition of flaws often teaches us but growth and learning is uncomfortable. It makes us question what we know about ourselves and each other. It makes us wonder who gets to tell the story of who we are and what we've been through? Who can narrate God's story for our lives? On this Transfiguration day, these questions swirl through this text, as all the participants banter about God's sovereignty, the authority of testimony, and what serves as our basis for knowing.*

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Fanfare*

TIELMAN SUSSATO

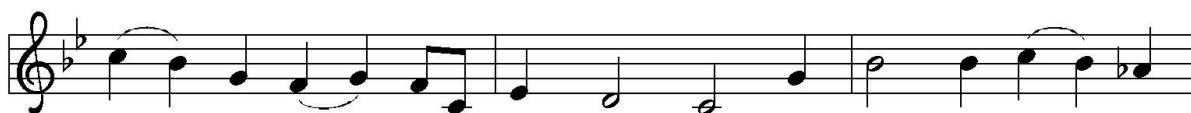
### **INVOCATION**

Radiant Christ,  
You are Mystery  
You are Holy  
You are God  
Give us eyes to see you and your glory  
Eyes to see your sustaining and saving  
Eyes to see your future and your now  
Eyes to see and to follow. Amen





1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the  
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the  
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

## 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.**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## ANTHEM

### *This Little Light of Mine*

DIANE MACHATKA, SOLOIST

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

ARR. JOHN W. WORK+

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### READING Psalm 27:1-4

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold[a] of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh—  
my adversaries and foes—  
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the LORD;  
this I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 9th Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

## PRAYERS

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*

(TEXT: ELW 308)

MARCEL DUPRÉ\*

### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, **Amen**.

### COMMUNION

*As we gather for communion, all are invited to come forward to the bottom step near the baptismal font. You will receive the bread (host) and the wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available and the baked bread is gluten free. If you are communing from another location, we trust that Christ is present through the Holy Spirit in the bread and the wine/grape juice. Please note the importance of the words of institution and the invitation to communion, holding holy worshipful space within this sacrament.*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving at the Table: Transfiguration

*This eucharistic prayer is based on the 1599 Epiphany hymn "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern." Honored as the Queen of Chorales and translated as "O Morning Star, how fair and bright!" (ELW 308), it was written and composed by Philipp Nicolai.*

Al-might-y Lord

**Al-might-y Lord**

we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.

From before the earth's foundation,

you loved us and promised us life forever.

Within the earth's deep sadness,

we laud your great and glorious might.

Despite our tears and sinning,

we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son,

our Morn-ing Star, **our Morn-ing Star**.

Christ is our dia-mond bright,

our trea-sure dear, **our trea-sure dear**

He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love.

He keeps us yours and fails us never—

today, tomorrow, and every day.

On the night before his great salvation,

he took bread and gave thanks,

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.



With joy we tell our story:

Al-le-lu-ia!

**Al-le-lu-ia!**

We call for your Spirit on us and this meal.

Refresh our souls with this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of your Son.

Nourish us as branches of your tree,  
and enlighten us with your undying flame.

We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son,  
we exult in the Spirit.

Transport us in our yearning,  
and be for us the end and the beginning,  
our purest pleasure, our victorious crown,  
our never-ending love.

And so we pray and praise:

A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men.

**A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men.**

Let us pray the prayer our Lord has taught us:

#### LORDS PRAYER

**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 and ever. Amen.**

#### COMMUNION INVITATION

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ. Come, all is ready, all are welcome.

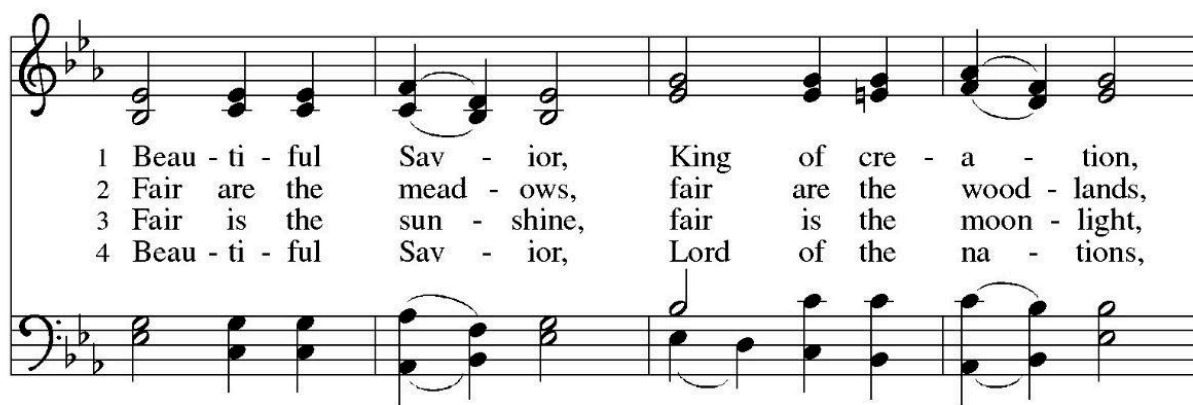
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#### COMMUNION BLESSING

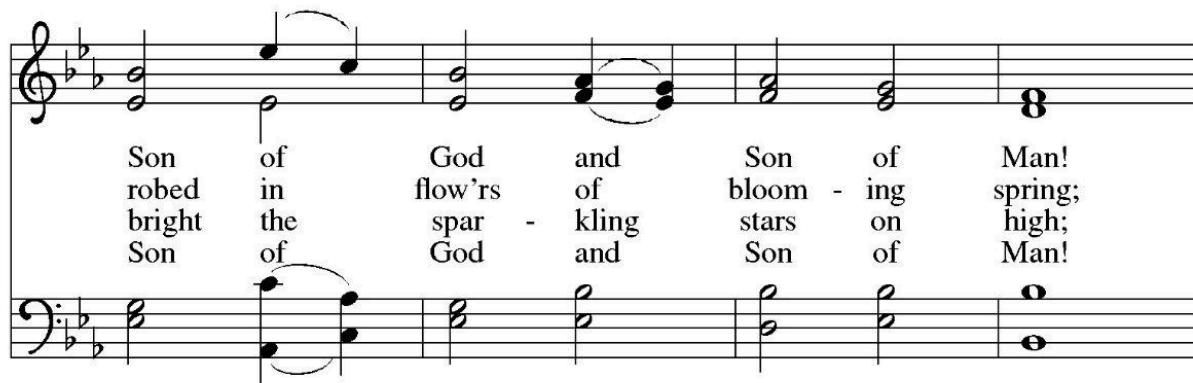
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever, Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

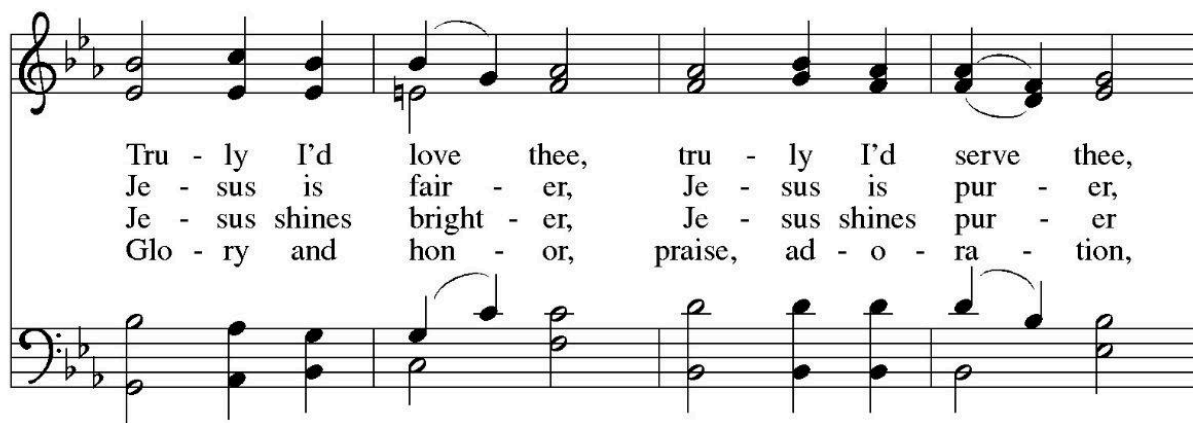
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



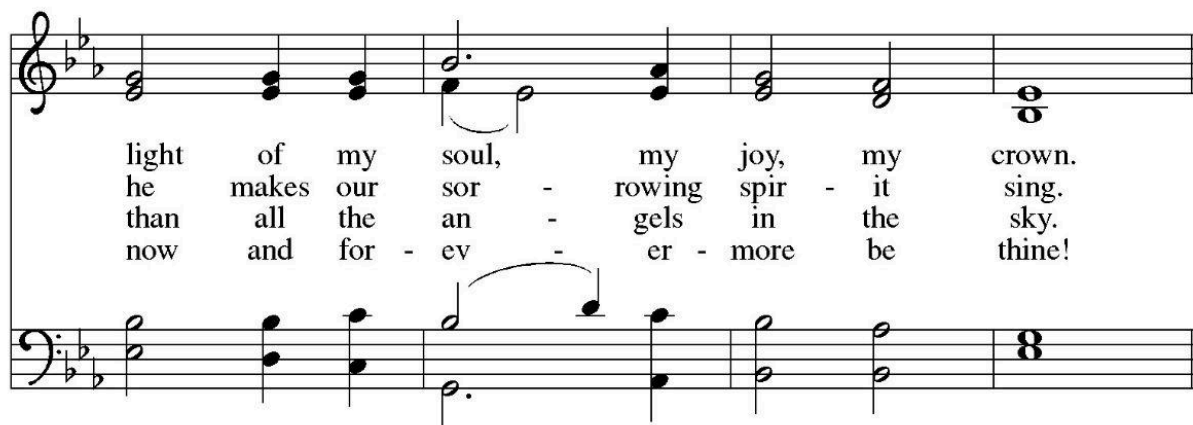
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in the flow'rs of spring;  
 bright in the spar - kling on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## BLESSING

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✝ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Let It Shine*

JOHN W. WORK+

## SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God!**

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**\*WORSHIP NOTES:** Marcel Dupré was for many years professor of organ at the Paris Conservatory and organist at the Church of St. Sulpice in Paris; his teaching and compositions influenced generations of organists, from the 1920s to the present day. The offertory is from Dupré's collection *Seventy-Nine Chorales*, Opus 28, written as prelude to studying the great chorale preludes of J. S. Bach; Dupré wrote the chorales over a three week period in 1931 while on a seaside holiday in Biarritz.

+Anthem & Benediction Response copyright 1943, Galaxy Music Corporation

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst  
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir  
Reader: Julie Pierce  
Ushers: Barb & Rick Friedhoff  
Fellowship: Merle Harris & Sandra Cusick  
Altar Guild: Barbara Lovseth  
Zoom Host: Kathy Brandstetter  
Tech Operator: Rick Brandstetter

## ASH WEDNESDAY:

Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 23  
John 10:1-18

## SUNDAY FEB 22:

Psalm 104:27-30  
John 11:1-44



## Faith Lutheran Blood Drive

Monday, February 23 12-6pm

Do you know the name Dr. Charles Drew? Considered to be "the father of blood banking," Dr. Drew navigated racism in medicine in the United States to become a pioneer in modern blood storage and transportation practices. In the shadow of WWII, Dr. Drew developed a method to separate and preserve plasma for up to two months. Wartime efforts to save lives on the battlefield under his leadership formed the model for modern blood banking.

In a system of prejudice against Black people, Dr. Drew conducted lifesaving research allowing for blood banking to flourish across the country and the world. But in one of medicine's uglier ironies, he was ineligible to donate blood to the program he made possible.

Until his passing, Dr. Drew was an advocate first for allowing Black donors to give blood and then for ending the baseless segregation of blood based on the donor's race. He died the same year that the American Red Cross ended its policy of segregating blood.

Every two seconds, someone in the United States requires a blood transfusion. These patients receive the blood they need, thanks to the legacy of Dr. Charles Drew. His legacy continues through your generous blood donations ensuring a safe and reliable blood supply for everyone in our community.

Join us for the Faith Lutheran Church blood drive on Monday, February 23. Appointments are available between 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Scan QR code or click on the link in the weekly email.



# Lenten Soup Supper & Holden Vespers

Please join us Wednesdays during  
Lent for a Soup Supper followed by  
Holden Vespers, all held in the Library.



February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

6pm Soup Supper  
7pm Holden Vespers

A sign-up sheet to bring soup or bread is  
available in the Library. You may also sign up by  
emailing Sheryl at [sheryllschmeling@gmail.com](mailto:sheryllschmeling@gmail.com)



## Tuesday Tea Time in the Office

Tuesdays 11:00am - noon

You are invited to stop by for a cup of tea and to say hello to Pastor Shannyn and Emily on Tuesdays between 11am - noon. Of course, you are welcome other times during the week as well.

We will have coffee and teas available.  
Come and go as you'd like!

In Person or via Zoom

SCAN TO JOIN





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