

**Worship Service**  
**South Congregational Church, UCC**  
**45 Maple Street, Springfield, MA**  
**Sunday, March 2, 2025, 10:00 am**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**Joint Service — South Church and Little Rock Chapel**



**Prelude** Deep River Adolphus Hailstork

**Welcome**

**Open and Affirming Statement**

We believe in a loving God, who through Jesus Christ has called us to love and affirm all God’s children.

We welcome to full life and ministry all persons regardless of mental and physical ability, sexual identity, race, religious background, or economic status.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to respect and support gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons, who often have been excluded from the life of the church.

We stand together seeking justice, healing and wholeness of life for all, thus becoming an open and affirming congregation.

**Greeting One Another**

**Gathering Song\*** This Little Light of Mine

**Unison Candle Lighting** *The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it.*  
(John 1:5)

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Hymn\*** Standing in the Need of Prayer NCH #519

**Scripture** Luke 9:28-36 & Luke 4:1-14

**Reflection** Humanity & Evil Rev. Lindsey Peterson

**Anthem** I Want to Thank You, Lord Moses Hogan  
*Regina Krawiec, soloist*

**Communion**

Invitation

Prayers of the Gathered

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with the Lord’s Prayer

**Sharing the Meal** The body of Christ for you, The cup of Blessings for you.

**Communion Music** Let Us Break Bread Together Craig Courtney

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Nourishing God, Sometimes we tell ourselves that too much has taken place to begin again. We think the world is too far gone. We think we have made too many mistakes. We tell ourselves that we couldn't possibly begin again. But then we come to this Table and we get a glimpse of your kingdom. We come to this Table and all are welcomed, all are seen, all are fed. And just like that, we have hope. Just like that, we begin again. Thank you for the gift of this fresh start. Thank you for planting hope deep in our bones. Thank you for meeting us in ordinary bread and juice to remind us that it's never too late to build your kingdom here. We are grateful. We are so grateful. Amen.

### Hymn\*

We Shall Overcome

NCH #570

### Postlude

Great Day

Adolphus Hailstork

\*stand in body or spirit as you are able

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*If you are new to South Church today, welcome! We hope you find this community meaningful and nourishing. Let us know about what you are seeking, who you might like to talk with, and if you would like to be added to our email list by filling out the welcome form in the pew or connecting with one of the ushers.*