

Dear United Church Congregation,

Thank you to Keith Lewis for preaching last Sunday while I was home with bronchitis-- he found out last Friday night! The congregation was in good hands with Keith and Kara Windler. Because of the catch-up work I need to get done, this Weekly Word is short. This Sunday is the last Sunday before we enter the church season of Lent (on Ash Wednesday). Churches often read from passages that speak of the mystery of God. The transfiguration is certainly one of those passages, and it is not quick to give clear-cut answers. This Sunday we'll be reading from Paul's second letter to the Christians living in Corinth. It isn't as spectacular or theophanic as when Jesus is shining brightly and a voice speaks to the disciples during the transfiguration on the mountain, but there's plenty of room for mystery!

In our verses, Paul describes people of the Christian faith as clay jars filled with treasure. Human beings are indeed a mystery on most days, but when you add the gift of faith to the mix-- look out! How do the human condition and the divine presence in faith coexist in you and me? Although it doesn't always go smoothly, there are those days when it's even more wondrous than a clay jar filled with gold bullion!

Join us for worship this Sunday at 8 and 9:30 a.m.

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:6-10

Sermon: "More Than Dust and Clay"

Classes begin at 11 a.m.

All-Church Potluck is this Sunday, beginning at 12:15 p.m. in Graves Hall. Thank you to those who are able to bring food.

Boards meet at 1 p.m. and the Executive Council at 2 p.m.

Grace and peace,

David