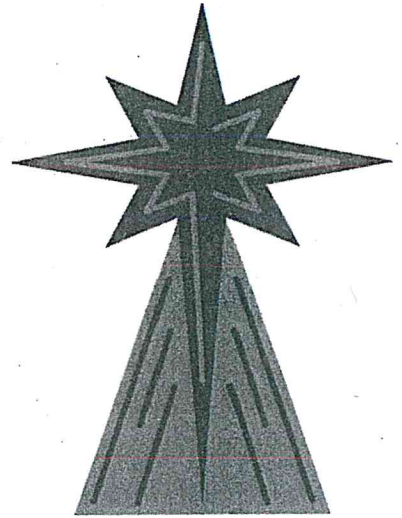


***Transfiguration Sunday/
Holy Communion
March 2, 2025
10:30 a.m.***

OUR LORD'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
There's a Place for You Here



GATHERING TOGETHER

For Today

Transfiguration is about astonishment. It is about amazement. It is about awe. So, how do we capture this sense in our weekly expression of worship here where everything is so familiar? Let's sing. Let's open ourselves. Let's receive and celebrate at the Table and let's see!

*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Prelude "Blessed Be Your Name/At the Name of Jesus" arr. Carol Tornquist

Welcome

One voice: Good morning, Church! I see you!

ALL voices: I am here!

Graceful Engagement

*Opening Chorus "Honor and Praise" *all verses* FWS 2018

*Call to Worship

Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray.
Will you come?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God's greatness?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

*Unison Prayer

Lord of the Mountaintop, God of dazzling clothes, be with us when we come down from the height of worship to face a world that didn't see what we just saw in You. Show us what to do. When violence threatens to engulf our communities, let it not be said that Your disciples cowered in fear or walked on the other side of the road. When there is peril or fire or flood, let it not be said that Your disciples cleared the unwanted junk from their garages and called it charity... Lord of the Mountaintop, God of dazzling clothes, show us how to be. Change us; transfigure us so that this world might see what we have just seen, and worship You. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

And, Jesus said... **Let the children come!**

Children's Time in the Gathering Space

ALL children are invited to join together just outside the Sanctuary.

Scripture Reading Focus text: Luke 9:28-36 CEB

Response

The Word of God for ALL of us, God's people.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "More Like You"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

Response Chorus "Christ Is the World's Light" vs. 2, 4

UMH 188

Shared Community Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

UMH 349

Pastoral Prayer

*Invitation to Giving Action

Responding to the goodness of God, we now commit our time, talent, treasure, willingness to serve and gift of witness as we share our offerings and bless them with singing and prayer.

*Doxology "Epiphany Doxology"

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**Praise Love who made all time and space.
Praise Love who came in truth and grace.
Praise Love on humankind outpoured,
that ALL may love forevermore.**

*Blessing Prayer

Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure, we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to Your teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and bless those who curse us. May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting Your boundless grace in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray, let it be so.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
(liturgy for ALL on screen)

Invitation *ALL are welcome to this Table!*

Preparing Our Hearts

*Celebration Hymn "I Come with Joy" vs. 1, 3

UMH 617

The Great Thanksgiving

Musical Setting A UMH 17

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one
who comes in your holy name.**

Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Come to the Table!

Shared Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Responsive Sending Forth

Beloved, may God bless you with hearts ready.

We go to listen to Christ's voice that calls us from mountaintop to valley and look forward to being astounded by glory wherever we go!

*Our Charge

*Final Blessing *Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"*

*Closing Hymn "Shine, Jesus Shine"

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*Postlude "How Majestic Is Your Name"

from FWS 2023

Lectionary readings: Exodus 34:29-35 "Moses' face shone"; Psalm 99 "Worship upon God's holy hill"; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 "We will be transformed"; Luke 9:28-36 "Jesus is transfigured on the mountain"

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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

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