

Transfiguration Sunday

9:30AM, March 2nd, 2025

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE "This Is My Father's World" UMH # 144

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

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!

*HYMN "How Great Thou Art" UMH # 77

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

God of transfiguration, glow in our hearts this day. Teach us what the coming of your chosen one really means for our lives and for our world. Help us overcome our fear of what people will think if we truly lived and professed our faith. Call us from our mountaintop experience into the world that so desperately needs us and our message of radical love, grace, and hope. Empower us to truly listen to your chosen, to live his words, and to imitate his life, that we, too, may be transfigured this day. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

Lord Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain and you persisted in revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds; through your life of humble service. We hear again these wonderful words of God "You are my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!" We confess our failure to listen to you because of the influence on our lives of the gods of this world. When this happens, our attitudes conceal rather than reveal your glory and your love. Forgive us, Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. The good news is that we are not only enlightened by our belief in Christ, we are cleansed and we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-36 (NRSV)

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

31 They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying.

34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

MESSAGE "Listen to Him" Rev. Dongkue Jee

RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" **UMH # 349**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION **UMH # 13**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH # 895**

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH # 95**

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Jesus called us to the mountaintop. We saw his glow. We experienced the presence of others. In thanksgiving for this and for many transfiguring times in our lives, we offer our gifts, our resources, and our very selves. May they be used to transform this world into the beloved community. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story" **UMH # 156**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" **UMH # 140**

* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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Transfiguration, Panel from the Maesta altarpiece of Siena, 1308-1311, Duccio, di Buoninsegna, -1319?, National Gallery (Great Britain), London, United Kingdom

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