

CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Transfiguration Sunday

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

March 2, 2025

10:30am Worship Service

THE GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Debbie Motley

PRELUDE

INTROIT

He Has Made Me Glad

TFWS 2270

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

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

People: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

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

People: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Leader: 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?

People: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

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

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

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

UMH 173

PRAYER OF INVOCATION²

Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your

¹ <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/where-you-are-far-horizons/transfiguration-sunday-year-c-lectionary-planning-notes/transfiguration-sunday-year-c-liturgical-resources>

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love, that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC	<i>Awesome God</i>	A. Moore/R. Mullins
CHILDREN'S HAPPENING		
SCRIPTURE READINGS	Exodus 34:29-35	Pew Bible 71
	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Pew Bible 939
	*Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)	Pew Bible 843
God is still speaking. And we are still listening. Thanks be to God!		
*GLORIA PATRI	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	UMH 71
SERMON	<i>Changes</i>	Al Naab

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION	<i>Holy Ground</i>	TFWS 2272 (Sing Twice)
CALL TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 94
*OFFERTORY PRAYER ³		
Holy are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name. Use us, and these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteousness, and equity, all for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal realm. Amen.		
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
Leader: To you, O Lord, we pray.		
People: Answer us with mercy.		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895
PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>El Shaddai</i>	UMH 123
*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	TFWS 2074
*BENEDICTION		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>Great is the Lord</i>	TFWS 2022 v. 1
*POSTLUDE		

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CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

*Non-weekly meetings and activities are in **bold print**.*

- SUN (03/02):** Sunday School, 9:00am
Worship, 10:30am
Education Meeting, 11:45a/Emma Lang Lounge
- MON (03/03):** **Loss Group, 6:30p/Emma Lang Lounge**
- TUE (03/04):** Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm
- WED (03/05):** **Babble 'Bout Books Club, 10:30a/Emma Lang Lounge**
Ash Wednesday Worship, 7p/Sanctuary
- SUN (03/09):** Sunday School, 9:00am
Worship, 10:30am
Finance, 11:45a/Emma Lang Lounge

We Are All God's Children

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

** denotes member*

<i>*Bobby Blankenship</i>	<i>Carol</i>	<i>Frank</i>	<i>Lindsey Parker</i>
<i>*Monta Demchak</i>	<i>Caroline</i>	<i>Gail</i>	<i>Lynn Parker</i>
<i>*Dave Dickman</i>	<i>Chris M.</i>	<i>Geof Funk</i>	<i>Mary</i>
<i>*Cindy Light</i>	<i>Darlene</i>	<i>J & J</i>	<i>Mary Ellen</i>
<i>*John Motley</i>	<i>Darlene</i>	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Mary W.H.</i>
<i>*Peter Oesterreich</i>	<i>Daryana</i>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>Max</i>
<i>*Janis Pongallo</i>	<i>David R.</i>	<i>Jim</i>	<i>MJ</i>
<i>*DeeDee Rencehausen</i>	<i>Dennis</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Rosie</i>
<i>*Nadene & Dennis Smith</i>	<i>Diane</i>	<i>Joshua C.</i>	<i>Roy Buser</i>
<i>*Joan Thorkelson</i>	<i>Dixie</i>	<i>Kathy</i>	<i>Seth Buser</i>
<i>*Galen Younkin</i>	<i>Dotty</i>	<i>Laurie</i>	<i>Sheri G.</i>
<i>Ukraine, Israel and Gaza</i>	<i>Doug Emery</i>	<i>Lee</i>	<i>Ted and Marie Nyland</i>
<i>Al Tobey</i>	<i>Ed Rote</i>	<i>Lily Van Scyoc</i>	<i>Tom Szor</i>
<i>Carol De Laat</i>	<i>Erik T.</i>	<i>Lindsey Elswick</i>	<i>Viola</i>
<i>Pastor Jason Thompson</i>			

STAR WORDS

At the beginning of the year, we handed out “Star Words”. I invite you to take the word you chose and use it throughout the year as a way to center your prayer time and to be aware of God’s presence throughout the day. If you have not received a word, please let Pastor Dianne know and she will get one to you! Each week in the bulletin there will be a journal prompt or reflection question that encourages you in your use of the word.

For this week: **How can this word shape your relationships with family?**

IN THE GARDEN

Welcome back gardeners! Yay!

The garden will reopen this year on March 9th for returning gardeners and on April 15th for first year gardeners.

The bed fee this year will be \$24. The full fee goes directly to the garden itself. This will allow for the new foundations to continue being worked on!

We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

-Roy

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED PANTRY BOX

The pantry box has become one of our most used outreach ministries! But keeping it full is a challenge. Please feel free to fill the box if you see it is empty, either from the supplies in the entryway or from your own cupboard! If you would rather, we could shop for you, just note that your monetary donation is for the pantry. Below are listed a few ideas of things you can donate. Thank you!

Canned soup
Canned fruit
Canned vegetables
Cereal

Canned stew
Canned fish
Canned beans
Baby Food

Peanut butter
Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
Rice (most prefer brown rice)
Toiletries

SERMON NOTES

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION⁴

Look at Luke 9:35: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” Where have you heard words like these before in the Gospels? (Hint: see Luke 3:22.) Where have you heard words like these in your own life? When have you had a strong sense of being chosen, claimed, and called by God? How have you responded?

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: MORNING

Lord Jesus Christ, as morning dawns,
be our light in this new day.
Let our lives reflect your glory,
our words show forth your goodness,
and our actions shine with your grace;
in your holy name we pray. Amen.

HOUSEHOLD PRAYER: EVENING

Lord Jesus Christ, as evening comes,
be our light and hope in darkness.
Draw near to us in grace,
surround us with your presence,
and fill us with your peace;
in your holy name we pray. Amen.

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GOAL - FOCUS - STRATEGIES

GOAL: Grow in relationship with Jesus Christ in order to change the world around us, starting with our own community.

FOCUS: To achieve this goal, we will prioritize reaching out to our community as essential to our personal and congregational growth as Christians.

STRATEGIES:

1. We will build meaningful relationships with the people in our community.
2. We will strive to listen and understand the needs of our community.
3. We will use our building and resources to meet those needs in a tangible way.



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***Ask an usher if you would like a LARGE PRINT HYMNAL,
Braille hymnal or hearing device.***