

Transfiguration Sunday
February 19th, 2023



Household Prayer: Morning

*God, as this new day dawns,
may your Spirit guide my feet
and reveal you to me in new ways
as I walk through your world today. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Holy One, thank you for the gift of this day.
Whatever has happened,
whatever I've done and left undone,
help me hear the voice of Jesus tonight,
telling me to go to sleep as I am and not be afraid. Amen*

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"Back Down the Mountain"

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: *"We go to the Bible to be astonished, to be amazed at God and Christ and the cross and grace and the gospel."* ~ **John Piper**

Ring of the Church Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 99 (responsive)

Deacon Mary Snyder

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy. Amen.

Prelude

Choral Introit: "Jesus Is Lord of All"

*** Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #560**

*** Passing the Peace**

Sharing our Concerns, Joys, and Affirmations

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Glorious God, you are all wisdom
and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you
and neglect to follow your guidance.

Current Prayer Concerns:

Hudson Day, Margy Kreppel, Karen Cobb Snyder, Christina Moore, Amy Etheridge, Dawn Butler, Connie Ellis, Bonnie Hancock, Margie Bauer Cramer, Eric Richardson, Samantha Kilgore, Janice Beckham, Jim Phillips, Russ Shallcross, Carol Nelson, Joyce & Jack Vavrek, Bob Lebo, Lydia Frasca, Diane Devanna,, Larry (Black) Blackwell, Jane Zimmer, and Marie McCallister

Those homebound or undergoing treatment: John Snyder, Marie McCallister (Marty Cropper's sister)

Berlin Nursing Home: For all those who we were unable to visit or sing with during this time of virus.

Fellowship Hosts Coming Up

February 26 Jan Owens & Peggy Webster

March 5 Sarah Dypsky

March 12 Sue Latour & Barbara Kipila

Volunteers Needed ...

We are seeking volunteers to help at our **Wednesday Food Pantry**. From 9AM - 11:30AM greet people, guide them to the Food Pantry, and help restock the pantry from our storage, as needed. A sign-up sheet is on the glass table in the back of the sanctuary. Please consider participating in this much needed ministry.

Calendar, Birthdays ... and more!

Sun, Feb 19	Boy Scout Troop # 2173	4:00 PM
Tues, Feb 21	WOW meeting	11:00AM
Wed, Feb 22	Food Pantry	9:00 AM
Wed, Feb 22	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Wed, Feb 22	Girl Scouts Troop # 812	6:00 PM
Fri, Feb 24	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Fri, Mar 10	Movie Night (JOSEPH!)	6:30 PM

Birthdays: *no birthdays this week*

Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vase were given:
In Honor of our two sons and the celebration of their February birthdays; Mark on the 4th and Randy on the 25th.
Rich and Nancy Wright

We have open dedications for the following Sundays:
February 26...two (2)

Next Movie Night - Friday, March 10th @6:30PM

Straight from the Sight & Sound vault comes **JOSEPH!**
Filmed in front of a live audience at Sight & Sound Theatres in 2010, this exhilarating story about dreams and the power of forgiveness is one of our most beloved productions. From the fields of Canaan to the stunning palaces of Egypt, join this adventurous dreamer on a journey to discover God's plan for his life.



Bring family, friends, and neighbors! Popcorn, snacks, and

Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on,
that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge;
in Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

The good news of our faith is this:
if we call upon God we will be answered and forgiven.
**That promise gives us peace and joy;
let us share that peace and joy
with one another. Thanks be to God.**

* Gloria Patri (unison)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As
it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without
end. Amen. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Our God has revealed to us
a law and a love that leads us into becoming
God's own daughters and sons.
Therefore, let us gratefully give from that
which has first been given to us,
our lives, our talents, and our possessions.

* Doxology (unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures
here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

God of mountaintops and valleys,
be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear,
we faithfully add our gifts
to those being given all around us.
Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured
into your presence in the world. **Amen.**

Choral Anthem: "It Is Well With My Soul"

Prayer for Illumination (union)

God our light,
make us attentive to your Word
as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
that seeing your truth we may live faithful lives
until that great day dawns
and the morning star rises in our hearts. Amen

1st Scripture Reading: Exodus 24: 12-18 [NRSV]

Barbara Kipila

¹²The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 17: 1-20 [NRSV]

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¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with

Eyewitnesses of Christ's Glory

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:16-21

It's Girl Scout Cookie Sales Time of the Year

Your fellow congregant and member of Girl Scout Troop 812, Summer Brenner, is taking orders for delivery within the next two weeks.



An order form should be available from Summer after our Church Service for the next four (4) weeks or you may call Summer at 443-754-1485.

A supply of cookies should be available beginning today in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you all for your support of the Girl Scout Program!

P.S. We have a new favor for y'all to try this year, Raspberry Mint. I am told that it looks similar to Thin Mints and inside filling is pink and the taste is to die for. :) Just kidding.

Thank you for helping us MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

Summer Brenner

WOW - Women of Worship

Our Women of Worship will be meeting this Tuesday, February 21st at 11:00 AM. All women are invited to participate in the meeting.

Jackie Bates will be leading a study of Dinah and Jacob from the Book of Genesis. Chapter 34 tells the main story of Dinah, with the following chapters telling the "rest of the story" to fully understand their characters, their faith, and the period in which they live.

Remember to bring a bag lunch and your bibles!

him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." ¹⁰ And the disciples asked him, "Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" ¹¹ He replied, "Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things, ¹² but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands." ¹³ Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist. ¹⁴ When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, ¹⁵ and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has epilepsy and suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. ¹⁶ And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." ¹⁷ Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me." ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured from that moment. ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁰ He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

Time with Children & Youth

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Sermon: "Back Down the Mountain"

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*Hymn: "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" # 543

Affirmation of Faith

(Litany for Transfiguration of the Lord)

Blessed is the Lord our God,
Who revealed the law to Moses.
The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
The Lord our God is holy!

Blessed is the Lord our God,
Who came to us in Jesus Christ.
The Lord our God is holy!

The one who spoke and called light out of darkness
Now shines in our hearts.
The Lord our God is holy!

The one who comes and does not keep silence
Now speaks in our midst.
The Lord our God is holy!

Now we have seen the glory of God
In the face of Jesus Christ.
The Lord our God is holy!

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (unison)
In the face of Jesus Christ, the wondrous will of God is revealed
Let us pray to the Lord saying, God of glory, transform this world.

For those who have been persecuted in your name and still
bear witness to your truth that they continue to be encouraged
and kept safe.
God of glory, transform this world.

For the victims of earthquakes and natural disasters that
they be fed, sheltered, and comforted.
God of glory, transform this world.

For those grieving the loss of loved ones that they find comfort
in your promise of eternal life.
God of glory, transform this world.

For those who are suffering from illness and disease that they
find healing and hope.

God of glory, transform this world. And we pray for ...

Holy One, as you are well pleased with Christ,
Help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you.
As you have called us to listen to Christ,
Help us to always heed his word and seek his will.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son
who taught us to pray to you by saying, **Our Father who art in
heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

***Hymn: "I'll Fly Away" # 554**

Charge
Benediction "Go Into the World"
Postlude and Response

