

Sunday
March 3, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday

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Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Plain print indicates worship leader.

Bold print indicates the people.

*Indicates please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, Ministry Opportunities

Opening

Almighty Father, God of grace and goodness, awaken us to Your glory, that our lives may reflect Your radiance, that we may share in Your likeness, and in walking the way of Christ our Lord, may reveal Your love to the world; through the same Christ our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, we pray that the glory of Your presence may fill our lives and be reflected in all that we do. We ask that our churches may be radiant with Your glory, that the gospel is not veiled from sight but revealed in our actions and witness. We pray for all preachers, for ministers of the word and the sacraments, that they will reveal to us the face of our Lord Jesus Christ. We remember especially all who are suffering for their faith. Lord, let Your glory be about us

and fill our hearts and minds.

We give thanks for all who add beauty and glory to our world.

We pray for artists, writers, musicians and craftspeople; for gardeners, architects, planners and for all who influence our daily life. We pray for all who are in desolate areas and places of deprivation. Lord, let Your glory be about us

and fill our hearts and minds.

We give thanks for all who have enriched our lives and improved our environment. We pray for those who work to meet our daily needs. We ask Your blessing upon our homes and places of work, upon our friends and our loved ones.

Lord, let Your glory be about us

and fill our hearts and minds.

We pray for all who are finding life dull or drab, for all who are getting no joy or satisfaction out of their life. We remember the stressed and distressed, the over-worked and the over-anxious. We pray also for all who suffer from defective hearing or vision, especially any who are losing the use of their faculties. We ask for comfort and strength for all who are ill...

(A moment of silence.)

*(*Please stand as able.)*

Lord, let Your glory be about us
and fill our hearts and minds. Lord, we pray that we may be changed from glory to glory. We pray for all who now see you face to face, all who rejoice in the glory of Your nearer presence. We remember the faithful departed...

(A moment of silence.)

Lord, let Your glory be about us
and fill our hearts and minds.

***The Peace and the Blessing**

Glory to God: on earth, peace and good will among us all. The peace of the Lord be always among you

and also with you.

To the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor, glory and power for ever and ever; and the blessing of God — the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit be upon you.

***Hymn of Praise: #103** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The Word Read Aloud: Luke 9:28-36

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ Beth Griner

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will be dismissed to POP! with Julie Griffin

The Word in Music: Love Divine all Love's Excelling ~ *Handbell Choir*

The Word Proclaimed: "Charcoal Church" ~ *Pastor Greg*

Hymn: #2103 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Ushers will collect other prayer requests to be included in the Tuesday Report.

Offering Back to God

Offertory: My Jesus I Love Thee ~ *Handbell Choir*

***Doxology: #95** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***The Lord's Prayer**

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. God of all times and all places, God of the infinite and infinitesimal, in the blazing splendor of Your glory You called forth light from darkness, day from night, land from oceans, and life in all its dazzling array from lifeless matter. Among the living You made and called humankind imprinting upon us Your image, to be bearers of Your glory in the world. Though we failed to shine, and hid Your image within us, You continued to call us into fellowship with You and to fulfill Your mission for us through prophets, scriptures, priests, and a people You redeemed for yourself. And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are You, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. In him we see the fullness of your glory revealed in human form. Born into poverty, he fulfilled his mother's song, that you would fill the hungry with good things, and send the rich empty away. Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, he forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, restored the blind and lame, visited the sick, the prisoners and the needy, and gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed, transfiguring the world in the power of Your Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of His suffering, death and resurrection You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them to be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit in Your holy church, All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, Now and for ever.

Amen.

Communion Song: #253 O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

Communion Song: #2102 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

***Closing Hymn: #2173** Shine, Jesus, Shine

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Note: "Opening" is from *Glimpses of Glory: Celtic Prayers for the Church Year*, by David Adam.

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

Jody Alzner (Sharon Pendola's coworker) passed away this week. Please remember her family and friends in prayer.

Don (one of Diana Pomeroy's clients) fell last Tuesday. He is 98 years old. He lost a lot of blood and received 30 stitches.

Elizabeth Heikes needs prayer. After 6 weeks of non-weight-bearing, her right hip bone continues to collapse. In addition, there is evidence that the left (good) hip is also worsening.

Nona Mattheis fell and is in Bronson Hospital.

Previous Requests

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Carol Eaton

Cheryl Fleming (Tom and Karen Simpson's friend) is mourning the loss of her brother.

Rexalee Goecker's second surgery to repair her hip and femur has gotten infected.

Leslie (Amy Moberley's sister) is looking for a job.

Jon Sherman (Den and Marlene's grandson) has health problems.

Taylor (Mystical Townsend's friend) is struggling through his walk with God.

Mystical Townsend wants God to continue guiding her in the right direction.

Ronald Vermeulen (Brianna Bryan's grandfather) is battling lung cancer and will start chemo soon.

Prayers for those suffering from the winter blahs. May God's great love show them they are worthy.

Prayers for our church. Love is kind. Love is patient. Love does not envy. Love accepts all things.

For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz
Barb Griner
Pat McClelland
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Mina Willett

Today's acolytes are
Benjamin Culver and Gabriel Culver

February 24 attendance:
Worship 106 Sunday School 43



Children ages 3 yrs. to third grade leave the worship service right after the kids' message and return to the service after the offering.

Please be sure your child has a name tag with age or grade and your cell phone number.

In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler
Ryan Miller
Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith
Geoff White

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Friday, Mar. 15.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who attended our Soup and Sandwich fundraiser. We raised \$475 that will go to the Building Fund.

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission needs bread

We are continuing to collect bread for The Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. If you would like to contribute, please bring loaves of sliced white bread to the church, and they will be delivered to KGM.

VUMC's Mission Statement



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Weekly Donations

Needed each week

General Fund:
\$ 2,288.50
Building Fund:
\$ 1,140.66

Received Feb 17-23

General Fund:
\$ 2,798.10
Building Fund:
\$ 149.00

This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, March 4

1:00 p.m. *Caring Ministries in the Library*
6:00 p.m. *Finance Committee in the Library*
6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
6:30 p.m. Scout Troop meeting in the Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. *Worship Committee in the Library*
8:00 p.m. *SPRC in the Library*

Tuesday, March 5

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth) in Rm 107
6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting in the FLC
7:00 p.m. *Trustees in the Library*

Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners, Taylor Room
11:45 a.m. *Imposition of Ashes, in the Chapel*
2:45 p.m. SHED (mid. school outreach), Rm 107
5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth), Rm 107
6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
7:00 p.m. *Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 7

7:00 p.m. Apprentice class, Room 125

Friday, March 8 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities are scheduled

Saturday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Pickleball in the FLC
6:45 p.m. *Euchre Tournament in the FLC*

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Next Week

Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Saving Time begins

after Worship Potluck lunch with Dr. Bruce Springer

Monday, March 11

7:00 p.m. *Post General Conference Listening Session, Stevensville UMC*

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 p.m. *Post General Conference Listening Session, Allegan UMC*

Thursday, March 14

5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board in the Library*
6:30 p.m. *Scouts Distr. Round Table, Taylor Room*
7:00 p.m. *Post General Conference Listening Session, Battle Creek Chapel Hill UMC*

Saturday, March 16

8:30 a.m. *Loaves & Fishes in the FLC till 9:30a*

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

3/4 Jeff Geiger
3/5 Colleen Kiley
3/7 Mike Tuinier

Anniversaries

3/6 Jeff & Mary Ann
Kudary

Potluck Lunch and Guest Speaker

Join us next Sunday after Worship for a potluck lunch followed by guest speaker Dr. Bruce Springer from Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Service. Dr. Springer will speak about the opioid crisis, the impact on families and communities, and available treatment and services. Bring a dish to pass, and invite a friend to church for fellowship, food, and learning!

Annual Euchre Tournament and Family Game Night

Everyone is invited to enjoy the evening this Saturday, March 9, sponsored by VUMC Connections Sunday School Class. This year's donations will go to assist the building fund. Suggested donation amount is \$5-\$10 per person for those joining the Euchre tournament, but please join us no matter what you can donate. This is overall meant to be a fun event. The class will provide soft drinks, but it is suggested that each participant or family bring a snack to share. For anyone not playing Euchre, please bring a game or two that you'd like to play with other family game night participants.

Registration is at 6:45 p.m. with the tournament starting at 7:00.

Post General Conference Listening Sessions

United Methodists from around the globe gathered in St. Louis to wrestle with the proposal to move the denomination beyond our impasse related to inclusion of LGBT individuals in the life of our Church. There is the potential that questions remain.

To help address those you may have, the Greater Southwest District is offering a number of listening sessions. We will gather in locations throughout the District with the intention of presenting the facts as we know them, discussing the implications for local churches and providing a model to engage in further conversation. Everyone is encouraged to attend a listening session at one of these locations:

Mon., Mar. 11, 7:00 p.m. - Stevensville UMC

Tues., Mar. 12, 7:00 p.m. - Allegan UMC

Thurs., Mar. 14, 7:00 p.m. - Battle Creek: Chapel Hill UMC

Sun., Mar. 17, 2:00 p.m. - Portage: Chapel Hill UMC

Sun., Mar. 17, 7:00 p.m. - Sturgis: First UMC