

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP
Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....
Please sign the red pads and pass it onto the next person in your pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Johann Sebastian Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Light has been shining.

People: The Light of Epiphany has been shining.

Liturgist: We have seen the coming of the kings.

People: We have seen the coming of John the Baptist.

Liturgist: We have seen the coming of Jesus.

People: But the season of Epiphany is almost over.

Liturgist: Today, with the Transfiguration, we see Jesus clearly.

People: But in Lent the Lord is hidden in shadow.

Liturgist: Some will follow him.

People: Some will mock him.

Liturgist: Some will be healed by him.

People: Some will crucify him.

All: Let the light shine while it may. Let us all in our worship together walk to that light which shines in the darkness, and shines forever.

*HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory fills the Skies* No. 173

OPENING PRAYER *Prayer for Transfiguration* No. 259

Unison: **Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE *Father, We Praise Thee* No. 680 (vs.3)

All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us your salvation; thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding through all creation.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

CHOIR ANTHEM *Shine, Jesus, Shine* Kendrick/arr. Stan Pethel

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 17:1-9*

MESSAGE *"Glimpses of Glory"* Pastor Janet Sattel

*HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 400

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Unison: **Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world, but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to You, that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid. May we hear the words so clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up, and not be afraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray.**

Assurance: You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved. You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away; see, everything is becoming new. Go and share the good news of God's love.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Sung Response *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Refrain only(vs. 3)
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Fairest Lord Jesus* Robert Lau

*Congregational Response Tune: DUKE STREET
All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer thee:
And hence with grateful hearts today, Thine own before thy feet we lay.

*HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 384

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: As we enter this season of Lent, let us give our hearts and minds fully to Christ, and in so doing, be made new through the living presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

All: **We give ourselves to Christ, and we invite the Word of God to dwell richly in our hearts, transforming and renewing us into the image of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Little Prelude in F Major* Johann Sebastian Bach

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.
Liturgist: Patti Olson

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

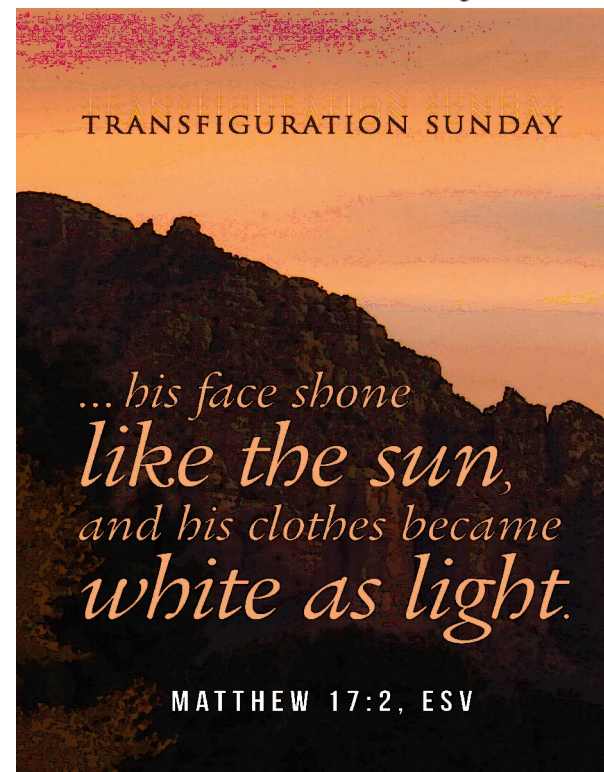
We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP †
Celebration of Faith



"Glimpses of Glory"

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

11:00 A.M.

1500 Quentin Road / Lebanon, PA 17042
church: 717-272-7741 / www.umcogs.org

Sermon Outline:

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Glimpses of Glory

Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9

In the transfiguration of Jesus the disciples saw the glorified Christ, amid flashing garments and visible power.

The experiences of Moses and Jesus are both glimpses into another world, glimpses into the spiritual reality that exists beyond our world - the reality of God's eternal glory.

Jesus taught us to pray "Thy Kingdom come on earth." This is what happens when we pray. We enter into God's Kingdom and we help to bring God's Kingdom to earth through our prayers and our actions. We create a thin place, as it were.

Paul tells us we should "be transformed by the renewing of our minds." Paul uses the same root word in Greek - metamorphomai - as the one that is used in the Gospels for the Transfiguration of Jesus.

The purpose of our experiences, our glimpses of glory, is to make each one of us a stronger person, at peace with God and ourselves, and wiser for what we have learned, reflecting the glory of Christ.

Through various means of Grace, we enter through a thin place and glimpse the glory of Almighty God through his Son, Jesus the Christ.

An Ebenezer was used to mark the spot where someone had experienced an encounter with God, to remember.

We must remember our thin places, our markers of hope, reminding us that there need not be any shortage of spiritual experiences in our lives. We need only approach our Holy God, through prayer, scripture, hymns of praise, and communion, and there we will find glimpses of glory - glimpses of glory that give us strength to rise again and meet the road that stretches out before us.

Scriptures for further reading: James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:7; Romans 12

2023 Mission Support

International

Heifer Int., Congo Partners in Mission, Africa University

Lebanon County

COGS in Motion, Gretna Glen Support, Habitat for Humanity, Celebrate Recovery,

Iglesia Nuevo Nacimiento, Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM),

Jubilee Ministries, Lebanon Rescue Mission, COGS Care and Compassion Fund.

Calendar for Week of 2/19/2023

SUNDAY

8:30 / 9:45 - Contemporary [Worship Center]

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Traditional Worship [Sanctuary]

11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]

4:00 - CR Step Study [Lounge/Choir rm]

Youth Grades 6-12 please see Youth Page in the Announcements

MONDAY

10-12 - Staff Meeting

6:00 CR Praise Team Rehearsal [WC]

6:00—Private [Sanctuary]

TUESDAY

7:00 - Book Study [Forge Rm]

WEDNESDAY—Ash Wednesday

8:30-11:30 - MLLC [rms 200/202]

7:00 - Celebrate Recovery

7:00 - Ash Wednesday Service [COGS]

THURSDAY

5:00 - Contemporary Design Team

5:30 - Traditional Design Team

6:30—Book Study [Forge Rm]

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

9:30 - UM Conversation [Worship Center]

6:00 - Open Art Night [Hall]

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Youth Group - see Youth Page in the Announcements