Your Friendly Community Church



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Transfiguration Sunday

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Pratt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As God called to Moses from the mountain, **People: we are called to be God's people.**

Leader: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

People: we are called to follow wherever he leads. Leader: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

People: we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

*HYMN

"Holy Ground"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, who revealed the Messiah on the mountain, fill us with praise, overflowing with cheers and mysterious visions. Light our way; direct our course; and energize us, for we have one more mountain to climb, through Jesus Christ, who is the light. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diane Horn

TFWS #2272

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O Lord, on this Transfiguration Sunday, we pray that your light would pour over these pages and illumine these words – that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds, that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word in our living and serving one another. Amen.

*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 NT #17

SERMON Rev. Meegian Gossard "The Ultimate Mountaintop Experience"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed UMH #880

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Lady Imperio "God Exalted Him"

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

UMH #73

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

"O Worship the King"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE

"Let the Church Say Amen"

Let the church say amen, let the church say amen. God has spoken, so let the church say amen.

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

The church office will be closed Monday, February 20, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Everyone is invited to join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 22, at 6:30 pm.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with filing your income taxes, the Cooperative Ministries' Tax Assistance Program will be in our CLC on February 25, March 11, and April 1 from 9-12. For additional information, contact Bill Rose or Tiffany Phillips.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Monday, February 20 – Presidents' Day **Church office close** Tuesday, February 21 1:00 Leadership Team - Parlor Wednesday, February 22 5:45 Choir Practice – Choir Room 6:30 Ash Wednesday service Saturday, February 25 9 – 12 VITA Tax Service - CLC

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School classes:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9am Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the parlor in the Education Building.

Children's SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the nursery in the Education building.

HEARING DEVICES

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Pastor Meegian will lift them up for prayer during worship.

2023 FINANCES

2023 Budget = \$229,008.00 Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00 Received for General Budget on 02/5/23 = \$1,724.00 Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$13,760.00

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and