

Columbiana First United Methodist

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Feb. 11th, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude:

***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **Sunday School 9:30 am, all are welcome.**
- **Bible Study this coming Wednesday @ 11 am. We will be studying characters of the Bible using the book, They Walked with God by Max Lucado. Next week's Bible characters will be Cornelius.**
- **Choir Practice on Thursdays @ 6:30 pm**
- **Tonight @ 7 pm, Mark Allen Chapman will be in concert.**
- **February 13th Kid's Club, 6 – 7:30 pm**
- **February 14th Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm**
- **February 18th Chef Brad's Brunch after Worship Service.**
- **February 21st Breakfast at the Dutch House, 10 am all are welcome.**
- **February 21st One Board meeting at 5:30 pm**

Opening Prayer:

Holy Father and Maker of heaven and earth You have made all things according to Your word. God of flesh, You have made us the head of creation. We are here to worship You and praise Your name. May our worship and praises be accepted by You. Refresh our spirits in You. As we begin today, guide us toward Your will. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

***Opening Hymn: I Know Whom I Have Believed 1, 2, & 3 # 714**

Call to Worship:

L: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

P: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth

L: God's glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, like Elisha, do not think we are ready to encounter glory.

P: And yet, God's glory showed up anyway.

L: Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus'

transfiguration and wanted to cling to that one glorious moment.

P: And yet, God called them down from the mountain.

L: So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, yet all are called together to worship and to be led by glory out into the world.

P: God, may we perceive your glory all around us, pointing us in the way you would have us go. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem: "Lord of Our Hearts He Will Be"

Offertory:

*Doxology

#95

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, as we remember Christ's transfiguration, we stand in awe of the glimpse of Your glory revealed on the mountain. Just as Peter, James, and John witnessed the radiant presence of Christ, we, too, are transformed by your love and grace. As we offer our tithes and offerings, may these gifts reflect the warming light of Your love in our lives. Just as Jesus was transfigured before them, may our hearts be transformed, and our actions reflect the love and truth Jesus embodies. Bless our giving and use it to bring Your divine light to a world in need. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Children's Message by Gabrielle Burbick

***Hymn: HYMN SING**

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

Gloria Patri

#70

Message: "Shoe Leather Faith"

Scott McPeck

***Closing Hymn: Victory in Jesus**

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*Benediction

***Sending: "God Be with You."**

*Postlude

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to You this morning to praise and worship You together as Your church. You are worthy of all our praise. You are a loving God, You are a compassionate God, You are a forgiving God, and for this and more we are thankful.

You are an amazing God, You have created us in Your image, not so we physically look like You, but more so that reflect You as we live in a way, we think in a way, we feel in a way, we speak in a way that calls attention to the brightness of the glory of You our God.

We do not always reflect You, we all fall short of this. Help us to understand Your ways as we go through each day. Help us to have the desire to do Your work Your way and help us daily to truly reflect You to all that You place in our paths.

We ask that You come alongside Judy and Charles as they prepare for surgery this coming Wednesday. We ask that You go before them and prepare the place, and the medical team. Give to their medical teams Your wisdom, so they know what You know and see what You see, allowing Your healing to take place in their bodies. All for Your glory.

We also join Pastor Scott in raising his son David to You. We ask that You extend Your healing hand upon him and allow his heart to be mended. All for Your glory.

Thank You for answering our prayers. Thank You for giving Cora a good report, and she continues to have the drive to work towards returning here with us soon, where she loves to worship You with her church family. We thank You for being with Lloyd, we know he still has a long road of unknowns, but we also know that he will not travel that road alone. As You walk with him to his treatments, give him strength, as he leaves his treatments give him hope. Guide his doctors, help them to hear Your voice, and have the desire to follow Your lead. May Your will be done in his life.

Thank You for being with Becky, we know that her recovery is not easy, but with You it is possible, so we ask that You continue to walk alongside her and guide her doctors and therapists with Your wisdom so every decision made for her recovery is the right one. All for Your glory.

We praise Your name for this place of worship, and we praise Your name for the church family and the extended church family that has joined us virtually regularly. I ask You Lord to continue to guide us and help us to be Your church. Bring to us the needs of Your people and provide us the ability to be Your instruments to supply the needs.

We praise Your name for all the leaders and their passion for Your church. Thank You for the guests that we have hear today. We ask that You breathe upon them Your Holy Spirit so that Your work through them will be made known. And may we hear Your voice the the sharing of Pastor Scott McPeek, so that our hearts are touched in a way that we would know the part You would have us play in the ministry that will be presented to us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.