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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday, February 15th, 2026

Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings, Pastor
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Transfiguration Sunday

****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ “Have You Heard”

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings

****Opening Hymn~ “Majesty; Worship His Majesty”
#176 UMH***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650
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Prayer of Illumination: God of our majesty and might, you have blessed us with revelation of your glory. Give us the gift of faith, that we may hear your voice for ourselves and see Jesus Christ revealed to us that we may stand on our own without fear. Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18: The 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.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. 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.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 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.

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. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

****Psalm Reading~***

Psalm 99
RESPONSE (Transfiguration & General) Ps. 57:5
Jane Marshall

Be ex - alt - ed, O God, a - bove the heavens!

Let your glo - ry o - ver all the earth be found.

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¹*The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!*

*The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earthquake.*

²***The Lord is great in Zion,
and is exalted over all the peoples.***

³*Let them praise your great and wondrous name!
Holy is the Lord!*

⁴*Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
**you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.***

⁵*Extol the Lord our God.
Worship at the Lord's footstool!*

Holy is the Lord! R

⁶ Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.

**They cried to the Lord, who answered them,
who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.**

⁷ They kept God's testimonies,
and the statutes God gave them.

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

⁹ Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain.
Surely the Lord our God is holy! R

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***Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21:** 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.

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Song of Preparation~ "And He Blessed My Soul"

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9:** Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 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." 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 him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 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."

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Proclamation~ Dr. Cummings

Affirmation of Faith~ 881 UMH

Prayers of the People: Response - Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Confession & Pardon & Peace~ pg. 8, UMH

Thanksgiving & Communion~ See insert for Black History Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

****Benediction~ Dr. Cummings***

Mark your Calendar

Announcements? *If you have an announcement or prayer request, please email it to zionlexpk@gmail.com by Wednesday.*

Ready to Join Zion? Please text 301-997-3328. *Pastor Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and schedule a Sunday to join Zion.*

The Faith Advocacy 101 Workshop *will be held on February 21st from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Zion United Methodist Church. The session will be led by The Rev. Camille Henderson-Edwards, Senior Director of Advocacy at Church & Society of The United Methodist Church. This workshop is designed to help participants learn to engage in faith-based advocacy in the public square.*

The Annual Heritage Potluck is on February 22nd. *Zion will close out Black History Month with its annual Heritage Potluck. Traditional dishes are requested. Please sign up to bring a dish. The sign-up sheet is located on the ushers' table. For additional information, please contact: Sis. Claudia Barnett or any member of the Kitchen Committee.*

IGNITE *is for youth in grades 6-12. It features high-energy worship with powerful worship bands. A relevant, engaging message from nationally and locally known speakers. The conference will take place March 20-22 in Ocean City, MD. **If you would like to donate to the Youth ministry to cover registration and lodging, please mark your envelope accordingly.** For questions, email Min. Kevin Harris at krharri2@gmail.com*