



*Transfiguration -
a glimpse
of glory*

Sunday Worship

February 19, 2023

*Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.*

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

As God called to Moses from the mountain,

we are called to be God's people.

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

we are called to follow wherever he leads.

As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God, you bring us together in this place, we come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding. God, you challenge us in this place, we embrace the challenge, trusting that through challenge we grow in faith. God, you are revealed in this place, sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and struggle. God as we worship in this place, refresh, renew, and challenge us so that we would see your awesomeness. We pray in Jesus' name, as we strive to walk the path of discipleship. Amen.

***HYMN #192 Shine, Jesus, Shine**

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness. Shine on me. Shine on me. *Refrain*

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me. *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

Caring God, we confess that we often wish to spend all of our time with you on the mountain top, where we are sure of your presence, where we feel connected to you. We confess that when we come down from the mountain, we often fail to go back into the world to be your hands and feet. We struggle to see you in the faces of our neighbor and we are overwhelmed by the brokenness we see in the world. Forgive us, O God, when our vision is limited and our actions do not live out our discipleship. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

...Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

****GLORIA PATRI***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Peter 1:16-21

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

****HYMN #451*** Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON What You Need When You Need It

***CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP
OFFERTORY***

****DOXOLOGY***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

Almighty God, may we not keep our treasures stored in the mountaintops of our fears of how others might use them. Let us pour them out so they might be used to transform all those who find themselves in the valleys of hunger, of loss, of loneliness, and of injustice. This we ask in the name of your Beloved Son. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

****HYMN # 191*** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

2. Light breaks through our clouds and shadows; splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word; Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet: Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

3. Strengthen by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine. But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS February 19, 2023.

This week's carillon is in memory of Frank L. Greenwood. Martha Greenwood's husband, faithful member of the church who had a great sense of humor.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: 8th and 9th graders gather each Sunday morning at 9:00 with Pastor Su to explore faith.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Join us Thursday evenings to explore scripture on Zoom from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. A new study has begun on the meaning of the cross, the meaning of the cross, the central symbol of the Christian faith. But what exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Why was the cross necessary, and what does it mean for us today? Join us as we explore this most important aspect of our faith.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM in our sanctuary with a worship service and imposition of ashes. This will also be available on Zoom. For those joining us virtually, ashes will be available for pick-up by contacting the church office.

Our Youth Group will be hosting a PANCAKE SUPPER, February 26, 5:30 PM. Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage – Yum! Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office 215-794-8575. Cost: \$7 per person.

Lenten Mid-Week Communion: Beginning on March 1, a brief Communion service will be held each Wednesday at 11:30 AM here at the church. It's a great mid-week pause to connect with God during this time of contemplation.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: **This week we are asking for the following items: Deodorant, Vaseline, hand cream.** Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

SAVE THE DATE: HAWAIIAN NIGHT - March 3rd, 6:00pm Friday Night Fellowship. Pulled Pork, Hot dogs, rolls and Beverages will be provided. And a homemade scrumptious Pineapple cake to top the evening off. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office and let us know how many will be attending and what side dish you will be bringing.

GUEST PREACHER NEXT Sunday February 26: We will welcome to our pulpit Rev. Schaunel Steinnagel who is the Associate Pastor at The Welcome Church in Philadelphia.

<u>Calendar:</u>	February 19	9:00am	Confirmation Class
		10:00am	Worship Service - followed by Coffee Hour, Fellowship and Sunday School
	February 20		President's Day Offices Closed
		5:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting

February 21 5:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
 7:00pm Property Committee Meeting
February 22 12:00pm Brown bag lunch and join us for fellowship
 7:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
February 23 7:00pm Bible Study on Zoom

Elder of the Month: Pat Gessner Deacon of the Month: Rachel Dell'Orefice
Sunday school Teacher: Ruth Squillace Coffee Fellowship: Leanne Yerkes

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Ray Curran, Alvin Cornell,
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Bill Yerkes, David Posnett, Mary Lou Humlhanz, Doug Christie

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor

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