



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE SUNDAY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

10:30 A.M. SERVICE



Transfiguration, Lewis Bowman, 2008

Today is **Transfiguration Sunday**, a transitional Sunday between the ordinary time after Epiphany and the beginning of Lent. We move from one mountain where Jesus offered the sermon we've been listening to these past five weeks to another where Jesus is transfigured and a few of his disciples get a glimpse of his true glory. All of the readings are connected to one another on this day, with a focus on the gospel reading. We celebrate this now precisely as a reminder that the one who leads us through the coming season of penitence and preparation is preparing us to participate in such glory with him both now and at his second coming.

ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

PREACHING – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

VERGER – DYLAN HIGGS

**Congregation please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.*

Serving for Altar Guild: Leslie Davis, Lynn L'Eplattenier

Serving as Ushers: Jim Shannon, Jimmy Shannon

Serving as Acolytes: Lizzy Glenn, Will Soong

Congregants are asked to wear a face mask throughout the service to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

Kara Cargile, chimer

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRELUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias (1934-1992)

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Verses 1, 3, and 4

ST. DENIO

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*THE INVITATORY & GLORIA PATRI 70

MEINEKE

O Lord, open our lips. And we shall declare your praise.

We praise you, Lord. Your holy name be praised.

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.

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

*VENITE

Psalm 95: Come, Sing With Joy to God

DARWALL'S 148TH



Come, sing with joy to God, our Rock and Sa-vior praise; come en-ter in with shouts of joy, your
The heights and depths of earth are cra-dled in God's hand; the same al-might-y power made moun-tains,



voic - es raise. O might - y God, You are the Lord, the God of gods by all a - dored.
sea, and land. Come wor - ship God, come kneel and bow be - fore the Lord our Mak - er now.

Dominus regnavit

¹The Lord is King; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
²The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.
³Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.
⁴“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
⁵Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.
⁶Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
⁷He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
⁸“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”
⁹Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

May these words reveal Christ to us. **Thanks be to God.**

*CANTICLE

Arise, Your Light Is Come

ST. THOMAS

Descant Setting: Richard Phillips



A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song! Rise



forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
-claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
up like ea - gles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

*GOSPEL LESSON

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lesson

Luke 9:28-36

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: God of life and light, your Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death on the cross. Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to follow him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer 895

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Te Deum in B Flat Major

The Choir

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, the Father, of an infinite majesty,

Thine honorable, true, and only Son, also the Holy Ghost the comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify thee and we worship thy name ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day with out sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Text, Book of Common Prayer

*DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*HYMN 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Organ Improvisation: Noel Rawsthorne

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Following the retiring procession, please be seated until the conclusion of the voluntary or exit quietly.

*RETIRING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)



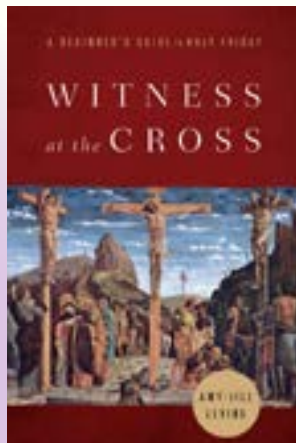
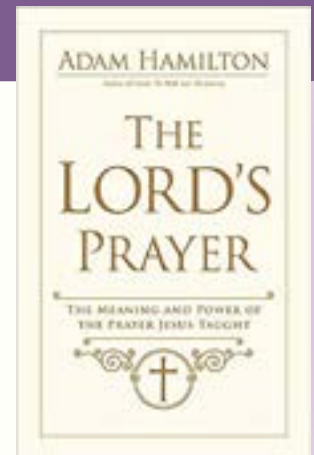
LENTEN STUDIES

at Highlands United Methodist Church

Join a small group book study this Lenten season.

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 AM

The Lord's Prayer by Adam Hamilton
Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall
Led by Janet Holt and Matthew Penfield

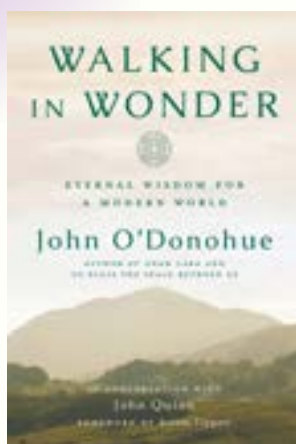


Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

Witness at the Cross by Amy-Jill Levine
Led by Michael Lalor in Room E209
Place yourself as a witness of the cross and determine what your own testimony will be.

Thursdays at Noon

Freeing Jesus by Diana Butler Bass
Led by Mikah Hudson in Room E 209
Rediscovering Jesus as friend, teacher, savior, lord, way, and presence.



Sundays at 4 PM

Walking in Wonder by John O'Donohue
Led by Reggie Holder in the Chancel
Eternal wisdom for a modern world.



In
remembrance
of me...

LENTEN MIDDAY COMMUNION

**Tuesdays at Noon
Lunch to follow in the
Fellowship Hall (\$10)**



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March 8

Rev. Steve Reneau
Elba United Methodist Church



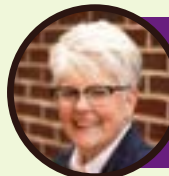
March 15

Rev. Caroline Foster
St. Mark's Episcopal Church



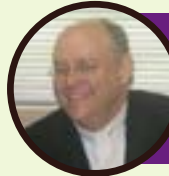
March 22

Rev. Caitlin Harper
Community Church Without Walls



March 29

Rev. Sarah Shelton
Baptist Church of the Covenant



April 5

Rev. Kevin Higgs
Sylvan Springs United Methodist Church



April 12

Rev. Elizabeth Goodrich
Presbytery of Shepards and Lapsley



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!

ALL ARE WELCOME



A Reconciling Congregation with the Reconciling Ministries Network (rmnetwork.org)

Highlands United Methodist Church is a community of disciples of Christ; a beacon of hope, inviting all to become new persons in Christ to be sent into the world to share the Gospel and to serve our neighbors; and a sanctuary for those in need of God's love and grace.

Highlands United Methodist Church affirms that nothing can separate anyone from the love of God. We invite all to worship, wonder, and discover God's grace as we aspire to create a safe space for all to participate fully in the life of this community of faith. We are called to shine as a beacon of hope, grace, belonging, and respect for all people. Regardless of age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future, there is room for you at Highlands.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The message of the Hebrew prophets, Jesus, Paul, and the early church was always a message of welcome and inclusion for all. The image of God's kingdom is of something small and insignificant growing into something larger and of great significance. The oppressed, the alien, and the outcast were all welcomed, included, and cared for. In this sense, our faith is built upon the idea of gracious hospitality. Followers of Jesus are not about walls of exclusion but bridges of grace and acceptance. Ours is a faith of invitation, for all to come to know Jesus as the living Christ who overcomes all brokenness, sin, and even death, offering a way to make all things new. This invitation extends to you. If you desire to explore what this means for you, please speak to a member of the clergy after the service or sometime this week. We welcome the opportunity to visit with you.

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- If you have been exposed to COVID-19 or exhibit symptoms of illness, please join us for online worship. *Worship services are livestreamed on Facebook, Youtube, and Vimeo. Visit www.highlandsumc.net for more information.*
- Face masks that cover both the mouth and nose are required throughout the building at all times, regardless of your vaccination status.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the Sanctuary and church building. Congregants are especially encouraged to sanitize hands prior to receiving Holy Communion.
- Please be mindful of social distancing, especially in narrow hallways and in restroom facilities.

If you have questions or concerns regarding in-person worship COVID protocols, please contact the church office at 205-933-8751.

OFFERING

Cash or Check Giving:

- Giving envelopes are available in the pew racks. Checks may be made payable to HUMC.

Electronic Giving:

- Text GIVE to 205-900-3040. A link will be provided for a simple, quick way to give with one click.
- Visit www.highlandsumc.net/giving to give using a debit/credit card or bank account.

Sustainable Giving:

- To set up automatic monthly bank drafts, contact financial manager Tyra Johnson-Pirtle at finance@highlandsumc.net.