

Welcome!

We are so happy to be here together! Here are a few guidelines for how we can worship safely together:

Please stay seated until the ushers come to guide you out of the Sanctuary. If you would like to make your offering while you are here today, there is an offering plate by the door. You may also continue to give using our website or by mailing a check.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please take your bulletins and any trash with you when you leave.

This service will be livestreamed on YouTube and a recording will be posted on social media for watching at a later time.

Discussion Questions

• Giving Up Our Answers, John 3:1-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Nicodemus shows up late at night to ask Jesus some serious questions. In Jesus' answers we have one of the best-loved Bible verses (John 3:16). Take time to read the full passage and pay attention to how the verse fits into Jesus' answer. Do you hear God speaking to you in this verse? Where are you prone to turn for answers to big questions in your life?

As you ponder these things in preparation for Sunday, I would love to hear what God is saying to you. Call me at 256-353-6941 or email me at miriam@centralunitedmethodist.com.



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Transfiguration

February 14, 2021

Musical Gift

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

Ritter

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Hymn # 203 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Miriam Smith

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Bible Reading— Mark 9:2-9

—[Prayer]

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Rabbi, it’s good that we’re here. Let’s make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He said this because he didn’t know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, “This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Message — “Transfiguration”

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #371 “I Stand Amazed in the Presence”

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain

**How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be;
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior’s love for me!**

He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own;
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone.

Refrain

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
‘twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me.

Refrain

Benediction

Musical Gift

“Joy in God”

Blake

Organist: Virginia Paul

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