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Astounded at the Greatness

Where You Are: Far Horizons Worship Series

Transfiguration Sunday 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship



**** P – Pastor **Bold – C: Congregation responds** ****

P: Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray. Will you come?

C: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

P: Will you follow when Christ’s glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit astounded at God’s greatness?

C: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

P: Will you follow when Jesus won’t let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

C: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

P: Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

C: Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!

Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH

**** All to recite in unison ****

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Gloria Patri p. 70 UMH

*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.*

Opening Hymn – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
p. 139 UMH vv. 1, 2, & 5

Sharing Our Praises & Prayers

Offering – Ushers come forward

Doxology p. 95 UMH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 99 (NRSVue)

L: ¹The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned

upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

C: ² The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

L: ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

C: ⁴ Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

L: ⁵ Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

C: ⁶ Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

L: ⁷ He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

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

L: ⁹ Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

Hymn – Take Time to Be Holy p. 395 UMH vv. 1 & 4

New Testament Reading – Luke 9:28-36 (NRSVue)

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was

saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Sermon – Astounded at the Greatness

Holy Communion – Service of Word & Table II

Closing Hymn – How Great Thou Art p. 77 UMH vv. 1 & 4

Benediction & Commission

Beloved, may God bless you with hearts ready to listen to Christ’s voice that calls us from mountaintop to valley that you may be astounded by glory wherever you go. Amen!

Lectionary Readings for the week beginning March 3, 2025

Ash Wednesday – March 5th

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Worship – March 9th

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Announcements

- Wesley Chapel UMC will hold an Ash Wednesday Service on March 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM. The congregation of Union UMC is invited to attend.
- Easter Lilies will again be available for purchase for placement in the church until Easter Sunday. The price is \$13.50 per lily. Please let Faye Seats know by March 23rd if you wish to make a purchase. Also, let Faye know if you are purchasing a lily as a memorial or honorarium.

Prayer List

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner

Frank Dalton

Sherry Doub

Frances V. Gough

Harold Langley

Wanda Needham

Barbara Perryman

Frances Sisk

Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost	Amber Lambert
Tammy Seats Boyd	Jeannette Lanier
Jimmy & Deborah Branch	Kevin McBride
Jane Bullin	Kevin McDaniel
Leisha Carpenter	Mark Megela
Joe Dean	Dawn Proctor
Amanda Doub	Jay D. Prevette
Ruby Driver	Vivian Royal
Mack Edwards	Mary Ellen Smith
Joanne Everhart	Kim Triplette
Mary File	Mark Wall
Garry Harbin	Ann Wallace
Kathy Harbin	Robert and Susan Warren
Lynda Harper	Savannah Wooten
Ronald Howell	

March Birthdays

Mary Jane Disher	2	Savannah Owen	10
Nyk Travis	7	Elizabeth Mark	11
Leroy Burton	8	Niki Pardue	11
David Luck	9	Joshua Doub	23
Peter Hogg	10	Hank Disher	23
Silas Hogg	10	Jimmy McBride	30

Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee, or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!