

*Faith United Methodist Church*  
*Transfiguration of the Lord*                      *February 23, 2020*  
*God's People Gather to Worship at 9:00 am*

OPENING PRAYER

Blessing and praise to you, O God, for you are beyond our comprehension and even our imagination. Yet you come and reveal yourself to us. Help us to be aware of the ways in which you reveal yourself while trusting you where we cannot comprehend you. Amen.

GREETING    Welcome. May the Spirit overwhelm you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist    God comes to us as a mystery beyond our understanding.  
**People    We worship and adore that God who is more than we can know.**  
Liturgist    God also comes to us to be revealed to us.  
**People    Thanks be to our self-revealing God.**  
Leader      God is made known to us so that we can be like God.  
**People    We seek to know God and to become holy like God is holy.**

† OPENING HYMN    57                      O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

We confess to you, O God, and before one another, that we have sinned. We confess that God is the mysterious Trinity who is eternal and beyond our ability to comprehend. God is revealed to us in part, and we are slow to make use of that revelation to change ourselves but quick to condemn others. Forgive us, and bring us back to the place where we are looking at Jesus so that we may follow him. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION                      Musical Interlude                      *Jeff Murphy*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God desires to be in communion with us and to guide us to life. Receive God’s presence and use it as God has intended, so that we may follow the path of love that leads to life.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING                      Exodus 24:12-18                      *Page , 58 pew Bible*

† NEW TESTAMENT READING                      Matthew 17:1-9                      *Page 694, pew Bible*

OFFERTORY

We come into your presence,O God, and acknowledge that your power is foreign to us as human

beings. You wield power in acts of compassion, caring, and justice, and you call us to emulate you. Open our hearts and make us faithful to you. Amen.

DOXOLOGY                      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow                      *Page 95, UMH*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, may this offertory reflect faithfully the power of God that is seen in acts of compassion, love, and justice; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

† HYMN 382                      Have Thine Own Way, Lord (Vs 1-2)

SERMON                      *Cover Us To Share Your Glory*                      Rev. David A. E. Whitt

INVITATIONAL HYMN                      Have Thine Own Way, Lord (Vs 3-4)

SHARING OF CONCERNS      We bring all we have to God who hears our prayers.

PASTORAL PRAYER

We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. We thank you for your creation which proclaims your love and grace for your children. We thank you for the prophets and seers who have shared with us the glimpse they have had of you. Most of all, we thank you for Jesus, who showed us not only that you are love, but how we can walk in love as your image on earth. We pray for all your children as our sisters and brothers, and for those who feel that you are distant from them. We pray for all of us to have the courage and the grace to allow ourselves to be transformed into the image of God we were created to become. All these things we ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying:

LORD’S PRAYER (...TRESPASSES)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF JOYS

† CLOSING HYMN 393                      Spirit of the Living God

† BENEDICTION

Go now, knowing that you are God’s holy temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you. Therefore, love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, give generously to all who need your help, and be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

And may God give you all things in Christ, may Christ Jesus be the foundation of all you are and do, and may the Spirit fill you with delight in all God’s ways.

**All: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

† HYMN 666                      Shalom to You

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† *Please stand if you are able.*