



Bel Air United Methodist Church
Transfiguration Sunday - February 11, 2024 – 9:15 AM

Prelude

Organist, Jeff Beyers

Welcome & Ministry Opportunities

Rev. L. Lynn Boyd

Bold Print- Congregational Response

Call to Worship

God calls us to service,
rather than honor.

God call us to love the unknown,
rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship,
trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,
who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Opening Hymn *

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

Special Music

Johnny Appleseed Song and Wedding Banquet- I Cannot Come
Children's Choir Directed by Kristen Brought

Opening Prayer*

Divine host of the heavenly banquet, open our hearts to your invitation to partake in a festive meal with those who would not be invited, those whom we would not invite, and those who could never repay us. Nourish our souls with the Holy Spirit, that we may extend your welcome to all corners of the earth. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Moment for Ministry

Pancake Supper

Dave Tramontana

Special Music

For Everyone Born (arr. Trenney)
Combined Youth and Chancel Choir and Sarah Prindiville, Cello
Directed by Kristen Brought

Prayer of Confession and Silent Prayer

Mike Wolf

Call to Confession: Let us confess our sins to the Lord who is our helper.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

All pray in silence

Words of Assurance

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace of Christ

As forgiven people, with the hope and promise of a new life of grace, let us welcome one another. I welcome you with love, friendship, and peace in Jesus' name.

And we welcome you with love, friendship, and peace in Jesus' name. Glory to God. Amen.

Scripture Reading *

Luke 14:15-24

A Word of God that is still speaking, **thanks be to God.**

Hymn*

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH 463

Sermon

"All Are Welcome"
Hospitality Series

Rev. L. Lynn Boyd

Response to the Word

Prayer

**Holy God,
You alone are worthy of honor and praise.
Open our eyes to see the world as you see it.
Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people.
Transform us in love, grow us in our faith.
Call us to love with a full heart,
and to share your promises with all people. Amen.**

Offering Our Gifts

This moment of reflection is an opportunity to consider your response to God. How will you demonstrate your love for God? How will you give of your time, your talents, and your treasures? Please consider giving electronically; ask us how.



Prayer of Dedication

**God of Grace,
We give thanks for your faithfulness to us,
We give thanks for your hope in us,
We rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace.
In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love,
we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves to you. Amen.**

Doxology* *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

Communion and The Lord's Prayer Rev. L. Lynn Boyd

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn* *Jesu, Jesu* UMH 432

Benediction * Rev. L. Lynn Boyd

Organ Postlude Jeff Beyers

(*) Please stand if you are comfortable standing.

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Prayer of Confession and Word of Assurance, UMH 890 and 891
Opening Prayer Connections Worship Companion

Altar Flowers – The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God and in memory, honor, and celebration of the life of our beloved son, Stephen on the 15th Anniversary of his passing, by Dave & Jane Bognaski.

Habitat for Humanity/VIM "Souper Bowl Sunday" Soup Sale – TODAY! Habitat/VIM will be selling soup. We have MD Crab, Chicken Corn, and Shrimp Bisque, at \$12-14.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – **Tuesday, February 13, 5-7 pm**, in McComas Hall
\$10 Adult / \$5 for ages 5 – 11 / Free for Age 4 and under. The pancake dinner benefits the music ministry of BAUMC.

Lent Begins February 14th, Ash Wednesday

- ❖ **Drive-By Ashes Linwood Entrance 12:00 – 1pm**
- ❖ **Ash Wednesday Service Sanctuary at 7pm**

Please come as you are; no need to get dressed up unless you want to. There will be kids activities with Pastor Deb.

Evensong – Join Pastor Deb on Facebook LIVE on Thursdays at 7:00 pm beginning February 15th.

Lenten All-Church Family Worship at Mt. Camel – 2 pm Sundays during Lent, beginning February 18th.

Lenten Bible Study – Soup and Study, Wednesdays from 5:45-7ish pm, in Room 202, begins February 21st. We'll be following the book, *The Third Day*, by Tom Berlin. You may order a book through the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Desk.

Zimbabwe Mission Update – Our medical clinic in Munyarari, Zimbabwe has been renovated. Dave Talbot, Jim Piccione, and Byron Brought will be traveling there February 20-29 to help participate in the clinic dedication and the worship service. Give thanks to God for blessing this project and seeing it to completion.

Short Film Fest & Chili Cook-off - Sunday, March 3 / 10:30 - 12:15, presented by the Creation Care Team. Come celebrate nature and God's wonderful world through a time of fellowship, fun and learning. View a dozen short films ranging from 1 to 15 minutes which present themes that are educational, humorous, heart-warming, adventurous, beautiful and inspiring. Enjoy chili provided by guest chefs during the intermission. Free and open to all.

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Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Lord, Speak to Me

Lord speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.

O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where, until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Jesu, Jesu

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves, this is the way we should live with you. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.