

Transfiguration Sunday – February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music and Ministry Opportunities Organist, Jeff Beyers

(Bold Print -Congregational Response)

Moment for Ministry Lent Challenge Ashley Sanders

Call to Worship (Psalm 99) Rev. Lynn Boyd

Come, praise the Lord our God, and worship at God’s mountain.

**For the Lord our God is holy, full of compassion and grace.**

When God’s prophets cried out, God answered them,  
speaking in a pillar of cloud.

**Let all God’s people sing praises to God’s great and awesome name.**

Mighty God, lover of justice, You established equity throughout the earth.

**Let us worship God from the mountaintops, let us praise God’s holy name.**

Hymn of Praise (\*) How Great Thou Art UMH 77

Opening Prayer (\*)

Light of God, shine upon us in this hour.

We come to you, as we are, in our strength and in our weaknesses.

Bless our world, in all its beauty and its pain, with your Spirit’s redeeming power.

**As you transfigured Jesus on a mountaintop, transform, us as we worship you today.**

**Touch us with the presence of your Spirit,**

**that we may shine Christ’s light into a world longing for peace. Amen.**

Hymn Holy Ground TFWS 2272

Moment for Ministry Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Dave Tramontana

Anthem “There’s a Balm in Gilead” Arr. Dick Avee  
Chancel Choir

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer Chas Hagan

Words of Assurance

The light of God’s grace shines upon us and through us.

Knowing us completely, God accepts and loves us still.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. **And also, with you. Amen**

Gospel Reading (\*) Matt. 17:1-9

Hymn (\*) O Wonderous Sight! O Vision Fair UMH 258

Sermon Listen to Him Rev. Lynn Boyd

Response to the Word - Looking ahead to Lent Chas Hagan

From the mountaintop, we gain perspective, a rare panoramic view.

All is well in the presence of God, where love and forgiveness reigns in our hearts.

“It is good for us to be here,” we say to ourselves, wishing that we could stay.

**But others need to climb this mountain, as they long for God’s love to find them.**

Our journey has only begun.

**Precious Lord, let us walk with you as you have walked with us-**

**to mountaintops, through valleys, to the cross and to life eternal,**

**through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### Offering Our Gifts and Reflective Music

Rev. Lynn Boyd

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. Thank you.

### Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, you reveal your goodness and light through countless blessings and gifts.**

**Receive our offerings - a small portion of what you have given us-**

**and reveal your goodness and grace to others,**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Communion and The Lord's Prayer**    The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

**Hymn (\*)**                      We've a Story to Tell to the Nations    (1, 3, and 4)

UMH 569

### Benediction and Sending Forth (\*)

Let us not linger too long on this mountain.

Go and bear God's light to a world that long for peace,

**May God our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter,**

**walk with us now and forevermore. Amen.**

### Organ Postlude

Jeff Beyers

(\*) You are invited to stand if you are comfortable standing.

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**We Offer Our Deepest Sympathy to:** Ron Stearn and family on the passing of his mother, Annie Mae Stearn

**Altar Flower Dedication** – The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and In memory of Janet's mother, Ada Holzapfel by George and Janet Newberry.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tuesday, Feb. 21; 5-7:00 pm**

**Lent Begins Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, Feb. 22**

- ❖ Drive-By Ashes Linwood Entrance 12:00-1:00 PM
- ❖ Ash Wednesday Service Main Sanctuary, 7:00 PM

**Lenten Soup and Study – Tuesdays in Lent – McComas Hall – Feb. 28-April 4; 5:30-7:00 pm**

Please register – fee is \$10 (includes book and soup throughout the study), kids are free!

We'll be using the book *"Savior – What the Bible Says About the Cross,"* by Magrey DeVega.

Stop by the church office to pick up your copy. Please come join us during this time of sacred learning and fellowship.

**Lenten Sermon Series – The Six Days of Creation in Genesis 1 – Begins February 26**

**Confirmation** – Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6 pm – 7:30 pm and dinner is included! Classes are for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Come and become a confirmed member of the church!

Sign-up by using the QR Code or go to <https://belairumc.com/Confirmation>



**Spring New Members Class – Looking to join?** Looking to Join? Classes are on Sundays, March 12, 19 & 26. 10:45am – 12 noon. New members Luncheon on March 26<sup>th</sup> following the class. To register go to <https://belairumc.com/NewMemberClass>

### ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

### ***The Apostles' Creed***

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.

### ***There's Something About that Name***

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus; there's just something about that name.  
Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all Heaven and earth proclaim  
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,  
But there's something about that name.

### ***The Summons***

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when I but call your name!  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

### ***I Come with Joy***

I come with joy, to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,  
the awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy, we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known, we see and praise him here,  
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,  
we'll live and speak his praise.