



Bel Air United Methodist Church
Transfiguration Sunday – March 2, 2025 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Jeff Beyers

Choral Introit

Call to Worship (Psalm 99)

The LORD reigns...

Let the nations tremble.

The LORD reigns...

Let them praise God's holy name.

The LORD reigns...

Let the people rejoice in awe and wonder.

The LORD reigns...

Let them shout in exultation!

Opening Hymn*

Holy, Holy, Holy!

UMH 64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Opening Prayer*

Radiant Lord, you shine with purity, power, and truth. Your mercy reflects your compassion, your care, and your love. Transform us into your image as we seek to follow you. Use us to make your presence known throughout the world. In your strong name we pray. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

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.

Hymn*

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

TFWS 2087

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb; we will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne; we will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live; he is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb; hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Moment for Ministry

Creation Care Film Fest

Sheryl Pedrick

Prayer of Confession

Donna Becker

Lord, you call us to draw near, yet we fail to hear your voice. We sleepwalk through life, ignoring the needs of people all around us and worrying about our own desires. Forgive us when we shut out the call to climb into your presence, when we make excuses to put off that journey. Hear our pleas, O God, and lift us to newness of life. Have mercy on us as we silently open our hearts to confess our sins.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

We worship a forgiving God, whose mercy is never-ending, whose heart abound in steadfast love. Because of the love of Jesus Christ, nothing can separate us from the love of God. **Amen.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

In the face of a stranger, in the greeting of a friend, we see our Lord Jesus Christ. May the love of Christ be with you. **May the love of Christ be with YOU. Amen.**

Chancel Choir

Directed by Dave Tramontana

Gospel Reading*

Luke 9:28-36

Hymn*

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

UMH 258

O wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church shall share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!

From age to age the tale declares how with the three disciples there where Moses and Elijah meet, the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

The law and prophets there have place, two chosen witnesses of grace; the Father's voice from out the cloud proclaims his only Son aloud.

With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest that day what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery; for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Sermon

“The Transfigured Christ”

Rev. Byron E. Brought

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?

Doxology *

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

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.

Prayer of Dedication*

Generous God, it's through your mercy that we have mercy. May the ministry of our talents and treasure and the ministry of our passion and purpose, strengthen our hearts for your service. Accept the grateful offerings that we lay before you. Amen.

Communion and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn*

Shine, Jesus, Shine

TFWS 2173

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light. Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadow into your radiance; by the blood I

may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me. Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me, shine on me. Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Benediction*



Welcome Fellowship – We're glad that you're here. You're invited to a fellowship in room 202 immediately after worship today.

GPS – There will be NO GPS for March and April due to the Lenten Soup and Study.

Children's Choir – Our Children's Choir (Grades K-5) meet on Sundays in Room 103 (the choir room) from 10:30-11:15 am.

Youth Choir – singers in grades 6-12 will meet Sunday mornings at 8:30 am around the piano in the sanctuary. Rehearsals will be March 2, 9 16, 23, & 30 in preparation to sing on Easter Sunday morning.

Chancel Choir – Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and Sundays at 8:10 am in Room 103. You do not need to attend both. We welcome all skill levels.

C4 Kids – Sunday School on Sundays at 9:15 am.

Youth Group – meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 4:30-6 pm.

Divorce Care – Spring Session – Wednesdays, February 5-April 30 from 6:30-8:30 pm in Room 115. To register, go to divorcecare.org

Grief Share – Spring Session – Tuesdays, February 25-May 20 from 1:30-3 pm in the Parlor and 6:30-8:30 pm in Room 115. Register at griefshare.org

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – Tuesday, March 4th from 5 – 7 pm

Come enjoy pancakes and sausage before the 40-day fast of Lent begins. All proceeds go toward the music ministry.

Lent Begins – Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, March 5th

- ❖ 11:00 am - Manna House Service
- ❖ 12-1 pm - Drive-Thru Ashes at the Linwood Entrance
- ❖ 7:15-8:00 pm – McComas Service – Faith Under Fire playing

Evensong – Thursdays during Lent at 7 pm on Facebook Live with Pastor Deb, beginning March 6.

Lenten Soup & Study – Our Lenten Study will use the book, “The Message of Jesus,” by Adam Hamilton. There are copies of the book here in the church, or you may order one through your favorite distributor. Wednesdays, from 6:15-7:15 pm in Room 202, beginning Wednesday, March 12th. To register, go to: <https://belairumc.com/LentenSoupStudy>

Book Study - A study of the book "*The Gift of Empathy*" is being offered on four Sundays beginning March 16th in the Church Library at 10:30 am (3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6). Marcia Martin will be your leader for this study. Book cost is \$15. Marcia has copies of the book to buy. To sign-up for this study or if you have questions, email martinmarciahope@gmail.com

Prayer Wall – Please visit the prayer wall, located across from the church office. Take the time to write your prayer on a note and attach it to a string with one of the small pins. Pause, reflect, and enter into a time of prayerful meditation as you read through each of the prayers. May God grant our world peace.

Creation Care Team Film Fest. Sunday, March 9th from 10:30 am – 12:15 pm, Room 101. Come celebrate nature and God’s wonderful world through a time of fellowship, fun and learning. View about a dozen short films ranging from 1 to 12 minutes. Enjoy a delicious variety of appetizers during intermission. Vote for your favorite one. Free and open to all. If interested in contributing an appetizer, email sherylpedrick@hotmail.com.

Emergency Preparedness Training – BAUMC will be hosting this event from 7-9 pm on March 4, 11, 18, & 25. Each week we will cover different materials. Week 1: Emergency Plan Development/Revision 2. Safety & Security/Active Assailant, Run & Fight 3. Stop the Bleed Wound Compression, Tourniquet Use & Wound Packing, 4. CPR & AED Training. We are offering this training so that the congregation is aware of what to do in case of emergency. Register by February 28th at: <https://belairumc.com/EmergencyPreparednessTraining>

Administrative Council – The Ad. Council is welcoming at-large members. They usually meet on the fourth Monday of each month by Zoom. Please see Pastor Byron, or Tom and Leslie Bonomo if you might like to serve.

Confirmation – If you’d like to take confirmation classes this year, please see Pastor Byron.



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