



Centenary
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 19, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.

The Prelude

Prelude on HYFRYDOL

Wilbur Held

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The Introit

Oh 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!

The Call to Worship

Leader: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

People: we are called to be God's people.

Leader: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

People: we are called to follow wherever he leads.

Leader: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

People: we are called to worship in wonder and praise.

The Hymn No. 2103

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

HYFRYDOL

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.
3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
we, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Holy One, Light of light, God of all creation,

**long ago you showed yourself to the disciples in Jesus' transfiguration—
his face glowing like a field of daffodils On a bright, spring morning.**

Shine in us, around us, and through us,

**that the world may see your glory in the faces of your people—
faces transfigured in the light of your love. Amen.**

The Announcements

The Prayer for Illumination

The Psalter page 819

Psalm 99

Ps. 57:5
Jane Marshall



Be ex - alt - ed, O God, a - bove the
5 heavens! Let your glo - ry o - ver all the earth be found.

- 1 The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!
The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!
- 2 **The Lord is great in Zion,
and is exalted over all the peoples.**
- 3 Let them praise your great and wondrous name!
Holy is the Lord!
- 4 Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
**you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**
- 5 Extol the Lord our God.
Worship at the Lord's footstool!
Holy is the Lord!

Response

- 6 Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on
God's name.
**They cried to the Lord, who answered them,
who spoke to them in the pillar of cloud.**
- 7 They kept God's testimonies,
and the statutes God gave them.
- 8 **O Lord, our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**
- 9 Extol the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain.
Surely the Lord our God is holy!

Response

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

The Hymn No. 2018

Honor and Praise

HONOR AND PRAISE

1. Righteous and holy in all of your ways, we come before you with honor and praise.
Here to adore you for all of our days, we come before you with honor and praise
Lord of the heavens, how faithful you are. Shine down upon us, O bright Morning Star.
Righteous and holy in all of your ways; we come before you with honor and praise.

2. Filling the temple, the work of your grace; we come before you with honor and praise.
Here to adore you for all of our days, we come before you with honor and praise.
Lord of the heavens, how faithful you are. Rise in our spirits, O bright Morning Star.
Righteous and holy in all of your ways; we come before you with honor and praise.

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The Sermon *This Sunday's Even Better than the Last!* Dr. Matt Bates

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem *Christ, upon the Mountain Peak* Paul Bouman
(The text of the anthem may be found at hymn number 260.)
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The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer
The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 2102 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* using alternate tune NETTLETON

1. Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent, turning from the summit's rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
2. Glimpsed and gone the revelation, they shall gain and keep its truth,
not by building on the mountain any shrine or sacred booth,
but by following the Savior through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith's resilience through betrayal, pain, and loss.
3. Lord, transfigure our perception with the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs,
Till we seek no other glory than what lies past Calvary's hill
and our living and our dying and our rising by Your will.

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The Benediction

The Choral Response Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

The Postlude *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Afro-American Spiritual

***Reminder! Help us know that you worshiped with us this morning
by signing the online attendance pad [here](#).***

***Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning
and throughout the week to make this worship possible.***

Scriptures

Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration

17 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Welcome!

Centenary United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation, extending hospitality and encouraging full participation of all, regardless of age, race, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, education, economic background, and physical or mental ability.

We are glad that you have joined us today! If you are a new guest, we hope that you experience a warm welcome! Please return soon and consider us for your church home. If you are interested in church membership, please speak with a pastor.

Announcements

"A DAY WITHOUT FLOWERS IS LIKE A DAY WITHOUT SUNSHINE"

(Quote credited to Mary E Vetovec) - Church flowers don't just honor or remember, they enhance our lovely sanctuary on Sunday mornings for in-person or on-line worship. For \$22(2 vases needed on the 1st Sunday) you can donate sunshine using our flower ministry. The flowers then can be taken home or spread the happiness to a friend or neighbor. Claim a date online or in person on the lower hall calendar.



PUB THEOLOGY – *TODAY AT 4:00PM* at Hardywood Brewery, 2410 Ownby Lane. Join us for a time of fellowship and discussion. The topic in February will be *What is Christian Community?* We look forward to seeing you there.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - Join us on Wednesday as we gather on Zoom to look at the scripture for the upcoming week. An email is out with all the details on Tuesdays. If you would like to be added to the Bible study email list, please contact the church office.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Join us on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30pm for our Ash Wednesday service.

TRAVELING FRIENDS DAY TRIP TO RUDY THEATER – Join the fun on March 16, 2023, at the wonder Easter Jubilee Musical Show. Reserve your spot today! Contact the church office for more detailed information and the reservation form.

Upcoming Events

THIS WEEK

February 19	11:30 am 4:00 pm	The Chosen Pub Theology –Hardywood Brewery, Scotts Addition
February 20	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
February 21	Noon	AA
February 22	10:00 am 7:30 pm	Zoom Bible Study Ash Wednesday Service
February 24	10:30 am	Friday Lunch Program
February 26	10:30 am 11:30 am	In-person and Livestream Worship The Chosen

LOOKING AHEAD

March 1	10:30 am	Smethie Circle
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