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Worship Series for the Season after Epiphany

Week 6

Transfiguration Sunday

We can always ask which is the real Jesus? Is it the one who gets his hands dirty with the mud and spit of this world, or is it the one who stands on the mountain top and glows with a radiance divine?

Well, of course, the answer is yes!

Scout Sunday

Today, we recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting and other Youth-Serving Ministries. Our guests are scouts and leaders of Troop 960, St. Mark's chartered troop.

♥ HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY ♥



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 14, 2021, 9:30 am

In-Person & Live Streamed on YouTube and Facebook

www.facebook.com/fairfieldstmarks

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sue Combs

Quiet your minds and hearts, focusing on God's presence with anticipation.

GREETING

Pastor Joe Payne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Scout from Troop 960

We have seen the light of God;
**on high mountains of celebration
and in the ecstasy of a lover's embrace.**

We have seen the light of God;
**through the bitter scorn of betrayal
and the searing chasm of grief.**

We have seen the light of God;
**with eyes that have been shaded,
with eyes that have been opened,
with eyes that have been blinded.**

We have seen the light of God.

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Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/01/call-to-worship-transfiguration-sunday.html>

HYMN

"Christ is the World's Light"

UMH 188

OPENING PRAYER

Troop 960 Scout

**Holy God, mighty and immortal,
you are beyond our knowing,
yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ,
whose compassion illumines the world.
Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ,
who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his
divinity,
the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=69>

WE SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

RECOGNITION OF SCOUTS AND THEIR LEADERS

Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty, to God and my country,
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake,
and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,
Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Peggy Smith

SOLO

Mark Hensler, euphonium

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

Troop 960 Scout

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The One Who Calls Us to Follow"

Pastor Joe

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

UMH 349

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Using "sins" and "...sin against us."*)

OFFERING MOMENT

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH 454

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God sent the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

In Him, there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

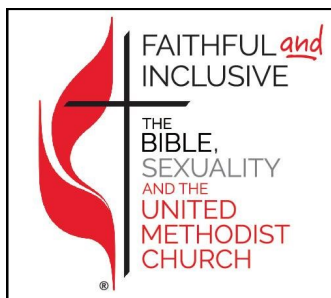
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITHFUL and INCLUSIVE:

New Class begins -
March 10 to April 7
Wednesdays 10:30 - Noon



The goal of this study is not to get everyone to think alike. It's to give information and tools to help you come to your own understanding and to be able to share your beliefs with others.

The aim of this class can be summed up this way:

- To understand better what the Bible says regarding non-heterosexual practices, and why it says it, and
- To consider how Christians committed to upholding biblical authority can take a non-literal approach to these passages.

We will meet via Zoom. You will receive a Zoom invite after you sign up and closer to the meeting date. You will need a PC, tablet, or smartphone with a cam, microphone, and internet in order to participate in this virtual classroom. Those unfamiliar with Zoom meetings will be given further instruction on request.

There is no cost to be a part of the class. Call 844-1818 to reserve your place, or sign up on St. Mark's Facebook Page Events.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: February 17th at 7 pm.

In person service and live streamed.

MARCH NEWSLETTER: Articles are due **by Friday, February 19th.**

UPPER ROOMS: The March/April Upper Rooms are now available. They are in a box by the kitchen door and also on the Narthex Welcome center.

PASTOR JOE'S DAILY PICK ME UP MOMENTS: Pastor Joe is now doing his words of inspiration and just being in touch with everyone on a weekly basis, **every Wednesday around 1:30 to 2 pm on Facebook**. If you can't watch at that time, you can always watch any other time afterwards on St. Mark's Facebook page.

BLOOD DRIVE:

Wednesday, March 17th from 3:30 to 7:30 pm.

You may now sign up on St. Mark's Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Theodor at 748-1085.

BROKEN BUS MINISTRY: The Broken Bus Ministry is once again allowing volunteers on their rides downtown to serve. St. Mark's has reserved two dates; **February 20th and April 10th**. Those that volunteer must be from the same household and masks and other safety procedures will be in place. If you are interested in either riding or providing the meal, or if you have questions, please contact Julie at 505-4061.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Flowers may be in memory, honor of someone or just because. Price is \$14.50 for each bouquet.

Please call the church office for your request by Wednesday. You may take your flowers home after the service, or let the office know if you need to come another time.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES - Available in Fellowship Hall. You may get them on Sunday morning or any morning Monday—Thursday from 9 to Noon. If these times do not work out for you, please call the church office to arrange a time for you to get your envelopes.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sunday Requests and Updates:

Good friend, Diana Nooman who is having a Kidney transplant tomorrow. Prayers for her, her surgeon team and donor, Jill as well. (Chris & Sue)

Family for the family of Paul Stanberry, an amazing talented conductor, composer and musician who lost his long battle with Cancer. He will be greatly missed.

Sympathy and Prayers for Bob Miracle and family. Nancy Miracle's funeral will be Thursday.

Prayer for my friends' nephew. He is on life support and does not know the cause of this illness. (Willa Ramsey)

Sister-in-law, Kelly, of Jenni Hensler had a severe reaction to an oral chemo and is in the James in Columbus.

Continued prayers for Bob Grammel who is still in Ft. Hamilton hospital.

Sympathy to Jeff Gering & family in his sister's passing.

Family of Bev Chaffin who passed Friday. She was a dear friend. (Debbie Flannery)

Celebrating special blessing - Lauren Leyrer's 9th birthday is on Monday. (Great granddaughter of Lois Hill)

NEW FROM LAST SUNDAY

Jeff Gering thanks everyone for the cards and letters given to him for his sister, Marianne's passing.

Continuing Prayers

*(Help us keep this list current. Email or call the church office .)
(b.smoot@fairfieldstmarks.com / 844-1818) with any updates.)*

All service Men & Women	Prayer & Bible Study Groups	Byron Jones Merianne Cardas
Our Country	Jean Stivers	Dick Brewer
First Responders	Mitch Thomas	All shut-ins and
United Methodist Church	Lori Palmieri (Pat Coyle's daughter)	Homebound

St. Mark's Homebound / Shut-ins

Phyllis Tunning - Triplecreek	Sandy Ronningen -Chesterwood
Virginia Shaw	Eleanor McCollum
Bob Miracle	Paul Schutte —Jamestown
Dale Shreve - Birchwood, 201	Bob Grammel-Ft. Hamilton Hosp
Bob Netherland in Hospice Care	Greg Pullem
	Sue Webster

Joys / Concerns *(listed in the order received, and kept for four weeks unless requested to remain on our "Continuing Prayers" list.)*

Norine Miller Hopkins 1/17	Jenni's daughter, Morgan 1/24
Megan Riley 1/17	Unspoken request 1/24
Friend, Amy's family 1/17	Family of Miranda Perry 1/24
Dave Convoy 1/17	Charlotte's Mom 1/24
Gary 1/17	Donna's brother, Ray Rettinger 1/24
Janet Kleinholz 1/17	Joe Goebel 1/31
Don Jackson 1/17	Unspoken requests 1/31
Carson Kennedy 1/17	Dewilda and family 1/31
Neil Hume family 1/24	Young family struggling 1/31
Hartsman family 1/24	Tomie O'Sullivan 1/31
Carson family 1/24	Family of Mary Ann Dove 1/31
Jim & Martin Ruhl 1/24	Jim Hughes 1/31

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Our Mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

STAFF

Pastor	Joe Payne
Administrative Assistant	Brenda Smoot
Director of Music	Chris Beiser
Organist	Sue Combs
Director of Children & Family Ministries	Peggy Smith
Director of Youth Ministries	Julie Mislansky
Pastor Emeritus	Bob Klingel

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgist	Scouts
Sound	Rick Kiefer
Camera	Mark Hensler
Screen	Jennie Marshall

Altar Flowers ...

... are given in celebration of the birthday tomorrow
of Erin Theodor, with love, from her Mom & Dad.
Happy Birthday, Erin!

... are given in celebration of the 61st Wedding
Anniversary today of Ardean & Pat Pitman.
Happy Valentine's Day Anniversary!

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