**Welcome to OUR SAVIOUR’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Transfiguration Feb. 24 & 27, 2022

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*\* All who are able please stand L: Leader; P: People*

Prelude Accom.: Craig Bowden

Words of Welcome and Good News

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Something drew us together this morning.
**P: Something we can’t name but which we experience in worship.**L: Some holy mystery we call God.
**P: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus.**L: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit.
**P: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears and prepare us to love the world.**

\*HYMN: “Beautiful Jesus” B44/Projected

\*INVOCATION

***ALL: One: O God, you are beyond words and description, your love is beyond knowledge and explanation. Make our hearts ready to receive you. Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration. We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.***

\*Response & Invitation: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” by Thomas A. Dorsey

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired,**

**I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,**

**lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

WITNESS OF FAITH: Exodus 34:29-35

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CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. “It’s good for us to be here. Let’s get comfortable.” We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL: God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. In Jesus’ name your sins are forgiven. Believe and accept God’s love and live in God’s freedom.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace [A blessing from our minister]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 9:28-36

A TIME FOR LEARNING WITH OUR CHILDREN Projected

 A telling of the Gospel story

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH: “A New Creed” Projected

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

**I can feel God’s mighty power and God’s Grace**

 **I can hear the brush of angel’s wings**

 **I see glory on each face**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

VISUAL REFLECTION: “The Transfiguration of Jesus” Projected

 With The Religion Teacher

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Climbing Up The Mountain” by Donald Moore

Performed by Bob Meyer, Stephen Borgardt, Dave Thompson, and Jeremy Schouten

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Prayer of Our Savior:

**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 debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

HYMN: “Transfiguration” with Hillsong Worship Projected

MEDITATION: “Transfigured” (Thurs.) Rev. Kevin Mundell

HYMN: “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” B304/Projected

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

L: One: The needs of our world are too numerous to name. Shelter, food, clean air, and water…Our gifts touch these needs, but the biggest gift we can give is to love the world so much that we give of ourselves. Nothing will transform need more than sacrificial love. So, as you place money in the offering (plate, basket, etc.) today, don’t let your giving be done. Start planning to go deeper. May God now bless our hopes and dreams.

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***ALL: Bless these gifts, we pray. May they represent just the beginning of our journey to show forth your glory to the world. Amen.***

\*BENEDICTION: “Go Now In Peace”

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know he will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

\*Postlude

**THIS WEEK’S COMING EVENTS**

**Thurs. February 24 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **9:30am Called to Care Meeting**

 **6:30pm Worship Service in Sanctuary**

**Fri. February 25 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. February 27 9:00am Worship Service in Sanctuary with Rev.Dodson**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes – No Adult Ed**

**Mon. February 28 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Tues.**  **March 1 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Wed. March 2 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **5:15pm Confirmation Session Twenty-One**

 **6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Rev.Dodson**

**Thurs. March 3 9am-12pm Office Hours**

 **6:30pm Worship Service with Rev.Dodson**

**Fri. March 4 9am-12pm Office Hours**

**Sun. March 5 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**FUTURE COMING EVENTS**

**Wed. March 9 5:15pm Confirmation Session Twenty-Two**

 **6:30pm Lent Worship Service with Rev. Dodson**

**Thurs. March 10 6:30pm Worship in Sanctuary with Rev.Dodson**

**Sun. March 13 9:00am Worship in Sanctuary with Rev.Mundell**

 **10:15am Christian Ed Classes**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** If any of your contact information changes, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**WORSHIP & COMMUNION:** Our next Drive-Thru Communion will be happening on March 6th.

**LOOSE COIN UPDATE:** We are still using the loose coins in the offering plate for special projects. You can still give by specifying on the envelope that it is for Stewardship loose coin offering. Thanks to all for your continued support.

**BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINES:** If you are interested in getting information placed in the bulletin, or would like to sponsor an item through the Altar Guild, these requests are needed by **Tuesday, 11am.** This deadline ensures our delivered bulletins are received before Thursday/Sunday Service!

**WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE TODAY!**

We welcome all visitors and guests, and we are glad you can join us for our services.

**Large print bulletins and regular bulletins with copies of the hymn for those wanting a print form, are available in the vestibule and online, if you would like one mailed to you, please let us know. Weekly hymns are being printed and some are available in the vestibule by the bulletins.**

Worship Services are Thursday at 6:30pm and Sunday at 9:00am, along with Advent Mid-Week Services in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 6:30pm, beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. All services are live streamed, and a video recording is placed on our social media sites to view at any time. For those videos, please visit: www.oursavioursuccripon.com or “Our Saviours United Church of Christ” Facebook page & Youtube Channel. If you are viewing the worship from one of our social media platforms, make sure to leave a comment or like our post to know you’re worshipping with us! If there is an issue with the stream, or you have any feedback, please reach out to Conrad.

Either the Thursday or Sunday service will be broadcasted via radio at 11:00am on 1600AM WRPN

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  The office hours are: Monday-Friday, 9AM-NOON. If you need to get into the church at an unopen time, please call the church office and leave a message, or call a church council person.

**CONTRIBUTIONS & ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK**:

In-Person: Thursday 6:30 – 10 Sunday 9:00- 47

Livestream Views: Thursday – 265 Sunday: 82

General Fund: $3330.00 Capital Improvements: $275.00 OCWM: $273.00

Thank you so much for your continued support of mailed in and online contributions.

**Sunday Worship Team 9:00 am**

**Audio Operator:** Phil Manthei **Liturgist:** Confirmand

 **Organist:** Craig Bowden

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***Birthday Greetings to our Young at Heart (50+)***

***Kim Graff,*** *February 25,* ***Bonnie Perr,*** *February 26,*

***James Koplin,*** *February 28,* ***Carol Seeliger****, February 28,* ***Nancy Henning,*** *February 29*

Today’s Bulletin: *In Memory of Donald Stracy*

**ALTAR & ORGAN FLOWERS; RADIO BROADCAST; BULLETIN SIGN-UP:** 2022 Sign-up is available on the stand outside of the office! This sign-up is for ALL SPONSORSHIPS! Altar flowers are $25 and Organ flowers are $16 each. Radio Broadcasts are $50 per sponsor & $25 per sponsor per bulletin. You can also send a letter with payment into the office or call the office to sign up. Please remember to send payment in for your signed-up slots.

**MISSIONS FOOD COLLECTION:** In the Month of February*,* Canned Fruit, Rice (most prefer brown rice), and Canned Beans.

**ADULT ED:** Will reconvene on March 13th.

**EBAY EXPERIENCE?:** Do you have experience with selling items on eBay? Please reach out to Rev.Kevin Mundell or Conrad Winkelman!

**CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING:** Will be reconvening their meetings on March 22nd at 6PM!

**PASTOR’S VACATION:** Pastor Mundell will be leaving for Greece and Turkey on February 25th through March 10th. The Church Council (contact information available below) will be able to put you in contact with a minister on call in case of a Pastoral Emergency.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS CONTACT INFO:**

Tom Stellmacher – President 920-896-2679 Bob Lueck – Vice President 920-858-0125

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**MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES:** During the Season of Lent, we will continue our Wednesday evening mid-week Lenten service at 6:30pm. The services will be about 30-40 minutes in length and will be live streamed on our social media. The four services Rev. Mundell will be leading will focus on four of the key beliefs that shaped the protestant reformation. Word Alone, Grace Alone, Christ Alone, and Faith Alone; all were key pillars for all the strands of the Christian church that emerged from the Reformation five-hundred years ago.

**ALCOHOL AND AGING**: How much alcohol can someone over the age of 50 safely drink, and does our tolerance change with aging? A general recommendation is two or less drinks a day for men and one or less a day for women. Tolerance does change with age because as we get older our ability to break down or absorb the alcohol is decreased thus the amount of alcohol is higher in your blood than when you were younger. The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) have created specific guidelines for ages 65 and older. Those who do not take medication and are in good health should limit their total alcohol consumption to no more than seven drinks per week including no more than three drinks on any given day.

One drink is equivalent to:

12 ounces of beer or wine cooler 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of liquor

 Long term effects of increased alcohol consumption may lead to heart disease, stroke, liver damage or cancer. But the short-term effects of increased alcohol in the elderly can be more emergent and life threatening considering their eyesight, hearing and balancing problems. This could result in a devastating fall, medication interaction or major car accident.

If you think you may have a problem, please talk to your health care provider.

*Monica Gagnon, Parish Nurse*

*Drinking and Aging: Know Your Limits, Paul Sacco, Associate Professor of Social Work, University of Maryland-Baltimore. National Council on Aging, January 23, 2020*

**PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY:** Feel free to use our prayer chain ministry by contacting Caroline Retzlaff at 920-748-2367.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**  Billi Kaufman, Bill Waltenberry, Roger Fenner, Lorraine Fischer, Steve McSorley, Bob Schouten, Caroline Sowersby, 17 unspoken, and all others.