

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



February 27, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE -- "Be Thou My Vision" / arr. Paul Manz-- - Mr. Brett Miller

PROCESSION OF LIGHT----- Mischa Matheny

\*CALL TO WORSHIP-----Liturgist, Ed Arnold

Leader: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

People: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

Leader: But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

People: We are not sure we are ready for that.

Leader: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

People: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places before us.

\*OPENING PRAYER

Lord, it seems so long ago that we heard your words at Jesus' baptism. You reminded us that he is your beloved Son with whom you are well pleased. Again, today we hear your words that we are to listen to him, to pay attention. Open our hearts this day, Lord, to hear the words of Jesus, to follow in his footsteps, and to serve You. For we ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.

\*HYMN #185 ----- "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 who 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.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY ----- Mr. Miller

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON-----Luke 9:28-43

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said.

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.

Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.'

While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

SERMON ----- "Seeing Clearly" ----- Pastor Atkinson  
*(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)*

## PRAYER OF INVITATION

\*HYMN ----- "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory" / Hyfrydol

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 t'ward the shadowed valley where their Lord has fixed his eyes.

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.

Lord, transfigured our perception with the purest light that shines  
And recast our life's intentions to the shape of your designs,  
'til we seek not other glory than what lies past Calv'ry's hill,  
And our living and our dying and our rising by your will.

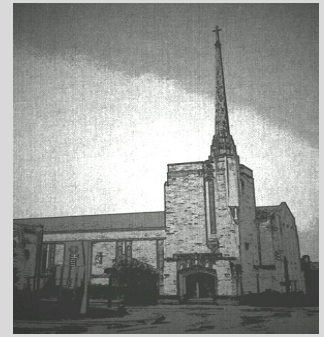
\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - - - "O Word of God Incarnate" / arr. Gawthrop - - - - Mr. Miller

If you know of someone who is in the hospital,  
nursing home, or has a need from the church,  
please let Pastor Atkinson know

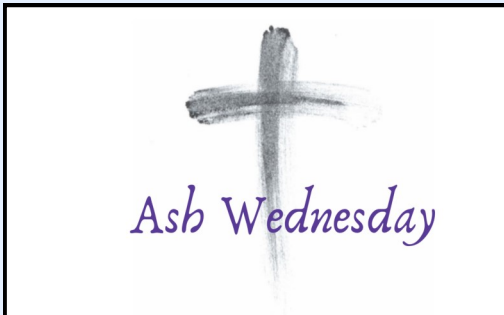
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**Rev. Michael Atkinson  
304-771-3309 (cell phone)**



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**



***First United Methodist at 7:00 p.m.***

***or***

***United Methodist Parish Service at 7:00 p.m.  
Duff Street United Methodist***



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## **BLESSING BOXES**

Fulfilling Christ's command to "feed my sheep", Blessing Boxes are scattered throughout Clarksburg.

One is right outside our 2nd Street entrance.

Help fill the Box with drinks and non-perishable/"ready to eat" foods.

**Please remember when choosing items to bring, folks likely do not have access to stoves, ovens,  
refrigeration, pots, pans, or even a can opener. Thanks!**