

Union First Presbyterian Church

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Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

February 19, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Reverend Diane Flynn, Minister

Patti Reep, Organist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director
& Pianist

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the Lord—
exalted among the nations.

Mighty is the Lord—
King of heaven and earth.

Holy is the Lord—
beyond our understanding.

Let us worship our God and King!

MORNING PRAYER

* Hymn of Praise #53 CLH “Fairest Lord Jesus”

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we do not expect and long for the transforming power of your love to work miracles in these hard hearts of ours. Yet we secretly long for a rescue, an escape, a miracle, to relieve us of the responsibilities and the challenges you set before us. Healing Spirit, renew our confidence in your power and in the power of love to change our lives, and give us courage to be the fully responsible persons Christ calls us to be. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH

* Passing of the Peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM "Thy Word"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 17:1-9

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Sunlight Poured from His Face"

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

* OFFERTORY

* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Your goodness has created us, your bounty has sustained us, your discipline has chastened us, your patience has borne with us, your love has redeemed us. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will. In Christ, we pray, Amen.

* Closing Hymn #229 CLH "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

* BENEDICTION

* Response #333 PH "Seek Ye First" (verse 1 only)

* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue Hymnal)

CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red Hymnal)

Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Diane Flynn can be reached by calling/texting 412-997-0642 or by e-mail at revdcflynn@gmail.com.

Shrove Tuesday Dinner - Tuesday, February 21st from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Ashes to Go – Wednesday, February 22nd from 7:00am – 9:00am.

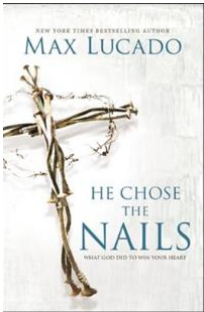
Choir Practice – Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00pm.

Worship Committee Meeting - Sunday, February 26th at noon.

Lent Small Group – Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Special Called Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 5th at noon.

Ashes to Go – Wed., Feb. 22nd from 7:00am – 9:00am. Sponsored by the Worship Committee - The marking of ashes on one's forehead with the sign of the cross is an ancient sign of penitence. It has become a custom practiced at the beginning of Lent as a reminder that we are dust and it turns our attention to the power of God and God's ability to heal the brokenness in our lives. The offering of ashes became an optional practice as part of our denomination's Directory for Worship in the mid-1970's. Join Rev. Flynn and others as she administers ashes in the church parking lot to commuters as an outreach to the community. The ashes we receive in the morning are to remind us throughout the day of our need for God, who meets us not just in worship, but in the midst of life. Moreover, it offers those whose schedules make it hard to stop and pray with others on a busy Wednesday the opportunity to remember their faith.



Lent Small Group “He Chose the Nails” by Max Lucado
March 1st at 6:30pm - Jesus' last moments were not left up to chance. God chose the path; he selected the nails. God was never more sovereign than in the details of the death of his Son. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet he did much more. In this video and discussion series, we'll learn how much God loves and cares for us, take comfort that Jesus understands everything we face in this life, remember that there's nothing we can do to earn God's gift, and stand firm in the promise that we are forgiven and welcome in God's presence. Search the scene of the cross and listen for God's gentle whisper, “I did it just for you.”

Special Called Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 5th at noon. There will be a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, March 5th following worship for the purposes of approving the terms of call for the pastor.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 19 – Betty Hill

Feb. 20 – Gretchen Snyder

Feb. 23 – Steve Elder

- Connie Gray

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Feb. 21 – George & Stephanie Weaver