# BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# 10:30 a.m. Sunday 19 February 2023 Transfiguration Sunday

#### **ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements (To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)

\*Greeting:

This is big. God is making a point.

Can we understand?

Try.

\*Praise Choruses:

2272 "Holy Ground"

2102 "Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

\*Opening Prayer: 82 "Canticle of God's Glory"

\*Opening Hymn: 404 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 477 "For Illumination"

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalter: 819 Psalm 99

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

\*Hymn of Preparation: 258 (Tune:101) "O Wondrous Sight!

O Vision Fair"

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\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon: "Parallels"

Affirmation of Faith: 883 "A Statement of Faith

of the United Church of Canada"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

\*The Peace:

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

#### **THANKSGIVING**

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

\*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving: (Tune: 463) "Bless Thou the Gifts"

\*The Lord's Prayer: 895

### SENDING FORTH

\*Closing Hymn: 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

\*Closing Prayer\*\*:

God of glory and mercy,

before his death in shame your Son went to the mountain top, and you revealed his life in glory.

Where prophets witnessed to him, you proclaimed him your Son, but he returned to die among us.

Help us face evil with courage, knowing all things, even death, are subject to your transforming power.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(James F. White, U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

\*Going Forth

<sup>\*</sup>Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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