

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 2 March 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

*Greeting**:
Let us praise the Lord who reigns!
Let us praise the awesome name of God!
Let us extol the Lord our God,
For the Lord our God is holy. *(Psalm 99)*

*Praise Choruses: 2272 "Holy Ground"
2018 "Honor and Praise"

*Opening Prayer: 259 "Transfiguration"

*Opening Hymn: 103 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 596*(Verse 1)* "Blessed Jesus,
at Thy Word"

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalter: 819 Psalm 99

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

*Hymn of Preparation: 355 "Depth of Mercy"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:28-43

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 882 "The Apostles' Creed,
Ecumenical Version"

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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 AND COMMUNION

Invitation: 388 "O Come and Dwell in Me"

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 176 "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving**:

**Holy God,
as your Spirit enabled our forebears to see your glory
and then be transformed,
so may the Holy Spirit fill us once more.
Empower us
to come down from the mountaintop
to complete the work you have given us to do.
We offer our gifts and ourselves,
in glad thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Taking the Bread and cup (Page 15ff)
(All are welcome)

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 396 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*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,

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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.)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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