

“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,  
*you are welcome here.*”  
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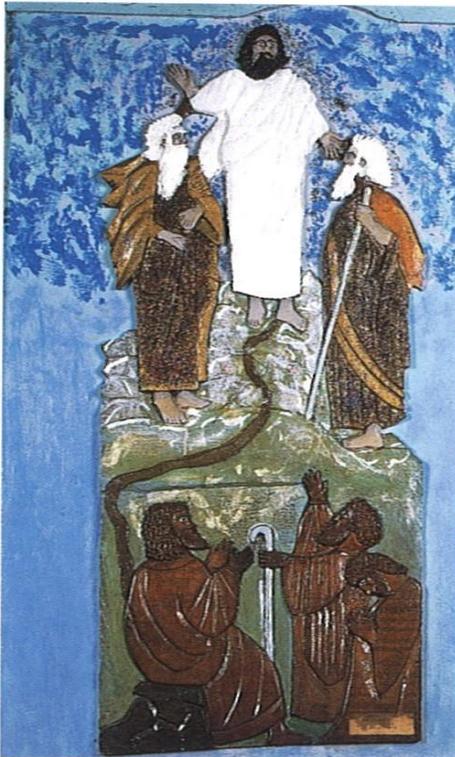
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

**February 14, 2021**

**11:00 AM**



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## Order of Worship

### PRELUDE

“Listen to Him” (Treusch)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CHIMING OF THE HOUR RECEIVING THE LIGHT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.

**People:** **We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**Leader:** The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.

**People:** **Out of the cloud, God speaks:  
This is my beloved Son; listen to him!**

*adapted from Psalm 50:1,3; 2 Corinthians 4:6; & Mark 9:7*

### GATHERING HYMN

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” *Glory to God 191*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**Leader:** God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect;

**People:** **God alone is judge.**

**Leader:** Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love,  
to save us.

**People:** **Rejoicing in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.**

*adapted from Psalm 50:2,6*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you; to hide our faces, to hide our sin, yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you, in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops, yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*silent prayer of confession*

## KYRIE

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1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri -  
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri -

e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
ste e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence;  
God speaks to us with grace and love, saying:  
You are my beloved child. This is the good news  
of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*adapted from Psalm 50:3 & Mark 9:7*

## SONG OF PRAISE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

*Glory to God 591*

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

### **THE SCRIPTURE READINGS**

First Reading      2 Kings 2:1-12

### **HYMN**

“The Mighty God with Power Speaks” (Psalm 50)

*Glory to God 13*

Second Reading      2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Gospel Lesson      Mark 9:2-9

Leader: Holy Wisdom

**People: Holy Word**

### **THE SERMON**

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

##### **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.*

*Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

#### **THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES**

We want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have mailed in their offerings to the church. The ministry of Ascension Church continues, we need your support. Although we cannot gather in the building right now, we still have our expenses to pay and our outreach continues.

So, please continue to **mail** in your offerings, or you may also opt to contribute **online** through our new **PayPal** account that you can access on our website at [ascensionucc.org](http://ascensionucc.org) and go to the Donate page. Please let us know if you encounter any issues accessing PayPal and know that we are grateful for your generosity.

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. As we go forth from this place, let our lives reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*adapted from 2 Corinthians 4:6*

### **CLOSING HYMN**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

*Glory to God 192*

### **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

### **TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD**

### **POSTLUDE**

“Upon the Mountaintop”

(Klingermann)

### ***Questions for Reflection***

The Old Testament reading for today presents Elijah as a “new Moses”—striking the Jordan with his mantle and causing its waters to part so that he and Elisha could pass through on dry ground (2 Kgs. 2:8). The Gospel reading builds on this comparison by placing Moses and Elijah together at Jesus’ transfiguration (Mark 9:4). There is also a parent-child dynamic in each of these passages. Elisha asks to receive a “double share” of Elijah’s spirit (2 Kgs. 2:9)—the appointed inheritance of a firstborn son (see Deut. 21:17). At the transfiguration, God’s voice from the cloud bestows on Jesus the mantle of divine authority: “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” What do these constellations of relationships suggest to you? How do they help you to understand the transfiguration of Jesus? How is Jesus a fulfillment of the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah)? (See also Luke 24:44.) How is Jesus revealed to be God’s Son, and what does that mean for us? (See also Luke 3:22, 38.)

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

God of glory, I greet you at the dawning of this day. Let my life proclaim Christ Jesus and the good news of the gospel from the rising of the sun to its setting; to the glory of your name. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

God of glory, I greet you at the ending of this day. Overshadow me with your peace so that I may rest in your presence from the setting of the sun to its rising; to the glory of your name. Amen.

**February Birthdays**  
**2/14 through 2/20/2021**

*Tracy Monaghan, Mateo Locklear (14); Pam Lotsch (15);  
Evan Angel Kleinert-Lopez, Easton Ash Kleinert-Lopez (16);  
Luke Fryer (17); Mike Clayboss (18)*



*We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.*

*We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.*

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