

# Grace United Methodist Church



**February 11, 2024 - 10:00AM**

## **Order of Worship Transfiguration Sunday**

**Grace United Methodist Church is a Family of Faith  
striving to share God's love with all.**

***\* Please Stand If You Are Able***

**Opening Voluntary – “His Eye Is on the Sparrow by C. D. Martin / C. H. Gabriel**

**Choral Introit**

**Welcome/Greetings**

### **\* Call to Worship**

L: The Lord has called you here today.

**P: Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.**

L: Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

**P: Lord, make us ready to serve you.**

L: Come, let us worship God!

**P: Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One. Amen.**

**\* Opening Hymn #173 – “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”      *RATISBON***

### **\* Opening Prayer**

**The darkness of winter has been our companion, Lord. Now the days are lengthening. Bring your light to us, that we might see your glory and may work for you, offering hope and peace to this world. We ask this, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Westminster Ringers** – “Lord, I Ring My Praise to Thee” by Howard F. Starks

**Children’s Sermon** – “Transfiguration: Listening To Jesus When Afraid”

## **Scriptures**

### **Epistle – Philippians 3:4b-14**

<sup>4</sup> If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more: <sup>5</sup> I was circumcised on the eighth day. I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin. I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews. With respect to observing the Law, I’m a Pharisee. <sup>6</sup> With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church. With respect to righteousness under the Law, I’m blameless. <sup>7</sup> These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. <sup>10</sup> The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death <sup>11</sup> so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead. <sup>12</sup> It’s not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I myself don’t think I’ve reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. <sup>14</sup> The goal I pursue is the prize of God’s upward call in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of God, For the People of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

### **\* Gospel – Mark 9:2-9 (Please stand if you are able)**

<sup>2</sup> Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. <sup>4</sup> Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Rabbi, it’s good that we’re here. Let’s make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> He said this because he didn’t know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, “This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!” <sup>8</sup> Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One had risen from the dead.

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**\* Hymn before Message #2272 – “Holy Ground”** (Faith We Sing Hymnal)  
*HOLY GROUND*

**Sermon – “WOW”** Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Hooker

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer and Choral Response**

**Prayer of Confession**

Patient Lord, you know how accustomed we are to “magic” tricks. Our spirits and our senses get fooled easily. We would be just like the disciples, at first not believing what we were seeing and then wanting to make a monument to the event. Thank you for being so patient with us. Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in the moment that we don’t take time enough to understand its significance. Help us pause, reflect, think, and thank you for the blessings of unexpected revelations. Give us wisdom and strength to be your disciples, proclaiming your transforming love to all people. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

To you the light of love and ministry has been revealed. Rejoice! You have been blessed by God to be witnesses; to proclaim God’s love to all. Be at peace! Amen.

**Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The one who said, “Let light shine,” has shone in our hearts and illumined our lives with knowledge of the glory of God through the face of Jesus Christ. Let us share this grace and peace with one another.

**Invitation to Tithes and Offering**

We proclaim Jesus Christ with our mouths, in our actions, and through our lives. Let us offer up our lives to Christ, that in our lives we may be servants of Jesus Christ.

**Choral Selection – “Teach Me to Fly” by Mark A. Miller**

**\* Hymn No. 95 - Presentation of the Offering**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Lord Jesus, all that we have is yours, and all that we are is yours. In offering these tokens of our lives, may all that we do serve you to the glory of God. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn #188 – “Christ Is the World’s Light”** *CHRISTE SANCTORUM*

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Closing Voluntary – “Festal March”** by J. H. C. Johnston

*(Please remain seated for the Closing Voluntary)*

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| <b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Dr. Jeffrey L. Hooker                       | <b>Counting Team:</b><br>Debbie Nicosia                               |
| <b>Liturgist/Reader:</b> Victor Mensah                          | <b>Ushers:</b> Everett Fitch,<br>Carol Provenzano, Michael Provenzano |
| <b>Director of Music:</b><br>Kenneth Richardson                 | <b>Audio-Tech:</b> Brandon Gauntlett                                  |
| <b>Westminster Ringers Bell<br/>Ensemble Director:</b> Kim Neri |   |



♥♦Everon Palmer (son of Enid Simpson), ♥♦Eugene (Gene) O'Brien, ♥♦Hedy Kling, ♥♦Gene Marks, ♥♦Declan Jurgens, ♥♦Crystal Richardson, ♥♦Pat Hamilton, ♥♦Michelle Hooker-Mirra, ♥Pastor Debra Gallimore (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Roberto Gallimore (friend of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥Karen Kiernan, ♥Carol Whyte, ♥Winston Scarlett (brother-in-law of Maudlyn Scarlett), ♥Patrick Curley (son of Debbielee Thomsen), ♥David Biegler, ♥Vivian (4 months old) Peeples and sister Emilia (4 years old) Peeples, ♥Mary Turbeville (cousin of Lenore Kurz), ♥Jennifer LaRochelle, ♥Michael Ciampi (friend of Kim Neri), ♥Michael Kurz, ♥Walter McKnight, ♥Vin Dowling, ♥Carolyn O'Loughlin, ♥Suella Fredrick (friend of Lorna McKenzie), ♥Juliana Bonds (sister of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Garvin Phillip (nephew of Eleanor Phillip), ♥Elaine Treske, ♥Marilyn Eller (sister of Elaine Treske), ♥Irene Misiti (friend of Rosario Hooker), ♥Charles Zipperlen, ♥Emma Donnelly, ♥Jim Poch, ♥All our Military men and women, ♥Ken Richardson, ♥Barbara Siegl, ♥All UMW in Rehabilitation and Nursing Homes,

♥Castells Family (family of Elaine Treske), ♥Iris Molina, ♥Olga Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Milly Molina (sister of Iris Molina), ♥Evelyn Neber (friend of Elaine Treske).

**Note:** Prayer List names will continue to be listed for two weeks. After that period of time, the names will be removed unless you call us with current information. † - Death in family, ♦ - New entry

## **REMINDER**

**Every Wednesday – Bible Study 7:30PM/Zoom  
Every Saturday – Prayer Meeting 8AM/Zoom**

**The Zoom info is the same every week. A reminder is emailed with the Zoom info.**

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