



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, February 23, 2020 TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME Donna Dodson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let us come together all who seek and would serve the Lord!

Let us open our hearts in prayer that God might direct our paths.

And let others see in our paths the power and glory of God.

And let our paths bear witness to the mercy and love of our Lord.

Then let us open our hearts in prayer and sing praises to God!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #2173 “Shine, Jesus, Shine” *[Black Hymnal]*

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

O God, at times, as with the Transfiguration, You allow us to witness even a glimpse of Your wonderful greatness and we can hardly begin to comprehend. Give us vision, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6 *[Red Hymnal]*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 24:12-18

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 17:1-9

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE: UMH #404 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

[Red Hymnal]

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S BLESSING:

Kate Ehrenberger

FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2272 "Holy Ground" [Black Hymnal]

HOMILY:

Pastor Ron Dodson

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS: *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."*

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Lord, we bring these gifts as our expression of thanks and praise to you. Use them and us, we pray, to proclaim your love and mercy, feed the hungry, heal the sick, and bring new courage and hope to the despondent. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" [Red Hymnal]

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated until the candles are extinguished, and the music is finished, then go to the Fellowship Hall to meet and greet one another.*

Thought for your journey: "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." Matthew 6:34. God will supply all my needs.

Scripture Lessons for Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020:

- Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
- Psalm 51:1-17
- 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
- Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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Scripture Lessons for March 1, 2020:

- Genesis 2:15-17
- Psalm 32
- Romans 5:12-19
- Matthew 4:1-11

Calendar:

- **Resurrection East Ash Wednesday Service**, February 26, 7:00 p.m. at New Waverly UMC 644 E. 33rd Street
- **Covenant Building for Faith Community and Eastern UMC, led by a BWC Facilitator:**

February 29, 2020 - Initial Assessment and Onsite Training

10-11:30 Initial Meeting with Faith Community UMC

11:45 – 12:45 Shared Meal with Eastern and Faith Community one-on-ones with each church and shared meal and communion

1:00-2:30 Initial Meeting with Eastern UMC

Subsequent dates will be scheduled at the 2/29 meeting.

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