

***Order of Worship***  
**The Transfiguration**  
*\*\*\*indicates to stand if able*

**MORNING MEDITATION**

"A wise man will make haste to forgive, because he knows the true value of time, and will not suffer time to pass away in unnecessary pain!" Samuel Johnson

**PRELUDE: 'Sonata Op.22: Adagio con molto espressione'** Nadine Shank  
**INTROIT: 'Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus'** Church Choir  
**WORDS OF WELCOME** Joyce Monska

**\*\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:* Good morning, Lord. Let us embrace your call to go deeper into our faith.

**People: Beneath the cold, snowy days of winter, there is God.**

*Leader:* Beneath the waves of demands and expectations, beneath our fears and anxiety, there is God.

**People: Beneath all the distractions and temptations, beneath all the frenzy and worry, there is God....**

*Leader:* who is a consistent well-spring, a nourishing place, a quiet voice within us. God is always there!

**People: God is here, hidden in all of us, full of promise.**

**OPENING HYMN: 'Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken'** UMH # 731

**INVOCATION [in UNISON]** Joyce Monska  
**O awesome and amazing God, you go to the depths of love and the heights of caring for us. You sing to us in the beauty of each dawn. You walk with us each day. You bless us each evening, and you hide us under the shadow of your wings each night. You come to us in the Light, so that we see that you are Divine. O awesome and amazing God, we sing your praises. Help us to live in your Light!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Rev. David F. Hurst

*Leader:* Let us open our hearts to God.

**All: O God, help us to remember and be grateful for our lives and the wondrous gifts that you have given to us. We confess that we have not always been true. We have waded through the mire and storms of life. Many times we have compromised our values and those Bible lessons we learned as children. Allow us to forget our sense of entitlement, and our expectation to never suffer or to be above it all. Forgive us for seeking the easy path and the wide door that just gets us by in life. Help us to know and believe that in God we are never alone! We thank you for your love and forgiveness that you bestow upon us. Open us to use your gifts to serve and to share with others the joys of your wisdom and Spirit.**

**PRAYER OF ASSURANCE**

It is through foolishness that God makes us wise; it is through weakness that God strengthens us to serve; it is through forgiveness that God makes us whole. We cannot boast in what we have done, but only in the grace and joy of our God, who showers us with mercy. Amen

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen**

**\*\*\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PSALTER READING: Psalm 99** (Red Hymnal pgs. 819-820) Joyce Monska

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Rev. David F. Hurst

**Pastoral Prayers, Silent Prayer, Lord's Prayer**

**\*\*\*RESPONSE: "Glory Be to the Father"**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: 'Spirit of the Living God'**

Church Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING/First Lesson: Exodus 24: 12-18**

Joyce Monska

(Chair Bible, Old Testament, pg. 70)

**\*\*\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: 'Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies'** UMH 173

**SCRIPTURE READING/Second Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9** Rev. David F. Hurst

(Chair Bible, New Testament, pgs. 18-19)

**SERMON: 'Dazzling White'**

Rev. David F. Hurst

**Ministry of Giving: 'Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling'**

Church Choir

**\*\*\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*\*\*PARTING HYMN: 'Be Thou My Vision'**

UMH # 451

**BENEDICTION**

*Leader:* Leap for joy,

**People: Work for the common good!**

*Leader:* Stand fast in hope,

**People: Embrace every sign of God's new reign! Live in the assurance of blessing; God's blessing that we too are part of the Divine.**

**POSTLUDE: 'Sonata in C Mino:Fuga'** (Alexandre Guilmant)

Nadine Shank

Attendance for Sunday, February 16th Adults: 29 Young Adults: 0

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS - WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23RD**

Sunday, February 23rd - Morning Worship (followed by coffee hour (Library)	10am
Sunday, February 23rd - Live Nativity Meeting (back Sunday School Room)	11:15am
Sunday, February 23rd - Bible Study (Pastor's Office)	11:30am
Monday, February 24th - Office Hours	10am - 1pm
Wednesday, February 26th - Office Hours	8:30am-1pm
Wednesday, February 26th - Offering of Ashes (Sanctuary)	9:30-10:30am and 4 - 5pm
Thursday, February 27th - Finance/Trustee Meeting	6:30pm

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS - WEEK OF MARCH 1ST**

Sunday, March 1st - Morning Worship (Communion) followed by coffee hour)	10am
Sunday, March 1st - Bible Study (Pastor's Office)	11:30am
Monday, March 2nd - Office Hours	10am
Wednesday, March 4th - Office Hours	8:30-1pm
Wednesday, March 4th - Mutual Ministry Mtg.(Library)	10am
Wednesday, March 4th - Worship Mtg. (Pastor's Office)	11:30am

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Miss you card for Claire LeDuc and Birthday Card for Martha Kellett (102) on Library Table please leave a note and sign the card.

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Support American Cancer Society by ordering a bouquet of Daffodils for \$10.00 or a bouquet of Tulips for \$15.00 from Nancy Uhl this morning at Coffee Hour. Nancy will give us a later date as to when bouquets will arrive. Treat yourself by helping others.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**

Pastor David will be offering 'Thanksgiving of Prayer and Ashes' on Wednesday, February 26th at 9:30-10:30am and 4 - 5pm in the church sanctuary for those wishing to receive ashes.

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**BUSTAMANTE FAMILY** must be kept in our prayers as they go through this difficult time. We, friends and members of this church, are trying to help them by sending them a monthly gift card to a local grocery store and every two months sending them a check for financial purposes. Since the resource for this is getting low, the Worship Committee is asking that we all help to continue this important mission for this family. Envelopes are available every Sunday on the usher's table at the back of the Sanctuary for your donation which can be placed in the offering plate. Thank You

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**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

***"OPEN HEARTS, "OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS"***

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020  
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM**



**Rev. David F. Hurst, Pastor**  
Organist, Nadine Shank

*"Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to fulfill God's will for the transformation of the world through spiritual growth, education, worship and fellowship. We express our faith through others."*

*We welcome you to join us in this our journey.*