

Asbury United Methodist Church

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Worship Leader: Lee Arnold
*Please rise in body or spirit

Chancel: Samantha Dorsey

"Radiant in Glory"

Transfiguration Sunday

Music for Gathering "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Hanna Noh

Welcome and Asbury Mission Statement

We are Asbury! Abundantly thankful to God; Saved by Christ's resurrection; Blessed by God; United by Christ's love for each of us; Reaching out to our church family and our community; Yearning to tell the Good News to all by being Christ's voice, hands, and feet in the world.

Announcements

A Call to Transformation

Leader: *Throughout our journey of faith, there are moments when we glimpse the divine in ways that change us forever. On the mountain of transfiguration, Jesus stood in dazzling light, revealing the glory of God's presence. In that moment, Peter, James, and John saw not only Christ's radiance but also the fulfillment of God's promise—God's kingdom breaking into the world.*

People: *Christ's light calls us from the ordinary into the extraordinary.*

Leader: *The disciples wanted to build shelters and remain in that sacred moment. But faith is not about staying on the mountain; it is about bringing God's radiance into the valleys of life.*

People: *We are invited to listen, to be transformed, and to carry the light of Christ into the world.*

Leader: *So today, as we stand in the presence of God, let us be open to revelation, willing to be changed, and ready to bear witness to the glory of Christ.*

Let us pray:

*God of Transfiguration,
you invite us to step into your light,
to see the world through the radiance of Christ.*

*When we cling to what is comfortable,
pull us toward transformation.*

*When we seek to build walls around holy moments,
send us back into the world, shining with your love.*

*May we listen to your voice,
be shaped by your presence,
and live as reflections of your grace.*

Amen.

Opening Hymn "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" (UMH 176)

The Peace

Leader: *The voice of God spoke on the mountain, declaring, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him." The peace of Christ is not just for sacred spaces but for every moment of our lives. May the light of Christ's peace be with you today.*

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: *You are invited to pass the peace of Christ, remembering to pass it to those joining us remotely.*

Choir Anthem "How Marvelous, How Wonderful"

Gospel Lesson

Luke 9:28-36

Reader: *On the mountain, the disciples saw Jesus in a new way—shining in divine light, standing with Moses and Elijah, wrapped in the voice of God. In that moment, the boundaries between heaven and earth were thin, and they knew they were standing on holy ground. Hear now this word from the Gospel of Luke:*

"Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen."

This is a Word of God reminding us that we can never out-spend
the grace that fills our hearts.

Thanks be to God.

UMH #451 "Be Thou My Vision" (vs. 1)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Sermon "Radiant in Glory" Rev. Yohan Go

Prayers of the People
UMH #393 "Spirit of the Living God"

Leader: On the mountaintop, Jesus was revealed in glory, and the disciples saw him anew. Today, we pray for open hearts, that we may recognize God's presence among us and be transformed by divine love.

Let us bring to God our gratitude and our concerns, trusting that God's light shines in every corner of our lives.

In this pause, O God, we recall the moments this week when we saw your presence break into our daily lives—through kindness, through beauty, through grace.

(pause)

In this pause, Christ Jesus, we reflect on the ways you continue to reveal yourself in our world—through acts of love, through the cries for justice, through the courage of those who follow your call.

(pause)

In this pause, Holy Spirit, we ask for transformation. Shape our hearts, open our ears to listen, and strengthen our hands for service. May we shine with your light in all we do.

(pause)

Loving God, Christ Jesus, Holy Spirit, we are yours.

Transfigure our hearts to reflect your love,
so that we may bring your light into the world.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Yohan Go

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. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offering "Alice Pace, Ned Quist"

Offering Prayer Rev. Yohan Go

Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" (UMH 593 vs. 1,3)

Benediction

Go now, transformed by the light of Christ.

Do not stay on the mountain, but carry the radiance of God's love into the world.

May the glory of God shape your vision,
the voice of Christ guide your steps,
and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen your heart.

Go with courage, go with grace,
and may your life reflect the light of God in all you do.

Amen.

Postlude "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" UMH 717

Announcements

1. The worship leader for Sunday, March 9th is Jan Jones.
2. **Ash Wednesday Worship Service** – will be held at Asbury UMC on March 5th at 7 p.m.
3. **Six-Week Lenten Book Study** – *The Message of Jesus by Adam Hamilton*. Tuesday group meets in the Pastor's Office, beginning March 11th at 10 am. Wednesday Group: meets in the library, beginning March 5th at 9:30 a.m. Please sign up if you are interested in participating in the book study.
4. Please take a **Lenten spiritual practice booklet** along with a sand timer. Follow the instructions for Visio Divina and engage in this practice throughout the Lenten season.

Birthdays

3rd Linna Buono

4th Jim Pratt

6th Sue Gibbs & Cary Weigner

7th Dixon Disu & Tiffany Lucini

8th Olivia Disu & David Dorsey

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph and Ruth Grantmeyer by their loving daughter Caren.

The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen Bishop George by her loving family.