

# February 11, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(\*\*Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude  
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Handbell Choir  
John Zundel/Barbara B. Kinyon

\*\*Call to Worship

As we live and as God lives,

**God will not leave us.**

When fire devours and storms blow us astray,

**God will not leave us.**

When truth is veiled and confusion reigns,

**God will not leave us.**

When faithfulness feels beyond us,

**God will not leave us.**

As we live and as God lives,

**we worship the One who will not leave us.**

\*\*Opening Hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" UMH #173

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Mighty God, stay with us always, not only in our worship, but as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage. As your glory shines in the face of Christ; shine in our hearts and lives. May your name be praise, glorious God! Amen.**

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (v.1,2) UMH #454

Prayers of the Faithful & 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. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering/Offertory

"Thou Art Worthy"

Carol Stewart  
arr. by Lyndell Leatherman

\*\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*\*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, you have given your Spirit, which is more than we could ask for or ever repay. You have blessed us with your love and filled our lives with your grace. Take now this offering of our hearts and our lives, that they may be instruments of your love and your mercy, your justice and your grace. Amen.**

\*\*Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-9

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

**P: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Ministry of Music

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Handbell Choir  
arr. by Ronald Kauffmann

Sermon

"Focus Forward"

Rev. Jeff Bandy

\*\*Closing Hymn

"Shine Jesus Shine"

(see insert)

\*\*Sending Forth

Postlude

"You'll Never Walk Alone"

Carol Stewart  
Richard Rogers



*The Altar Flowers are given in honor of Jim and Joyce Osburn for their faithfully preparing of the communion elements for our congregation each month.*

## Scripture Reading – Mark 9: 2-9 (NIV)

### The Transfiguration

<sup>2</sup> After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup> His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup> (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup> Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

#### WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon. We would love to get to know you, please take a moment to provide your information in the attendance register located in each pew.



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**We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation**

### February 11, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Micah Fleming, Eric Fleming, Jim Osburn, Don Wolf
Greeters	Jim Osburn, Joyce Osburn
Organist	Carol Stewart
Bells Director	Jim McPeek
Choir Director	Melody Kelley



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