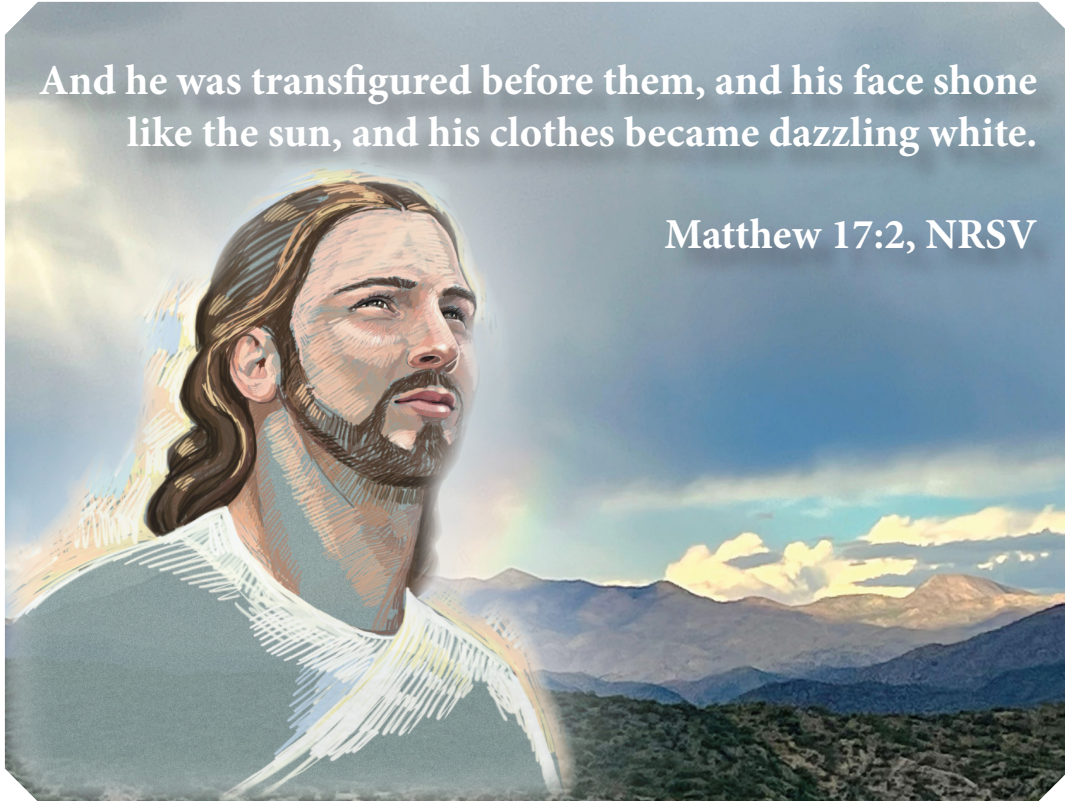


ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Matthew 17:2, NRSV



Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church



We are a people called United Methodists.
Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

**The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church
is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.**

Transfiguration Sunday
February 19, 2023

Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew. Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Steal Away to Jesus”

Arr. Marianne Kim

§ Call to Worship

Leader: God said, “This is my Son, the Beloved.”

People: **Let us worship your only beloved Son.**

Leader: God said, “Listen!”

People: **We want to hear your word anew this day.**

Leader: God said, “Do not be afraid.”

People: **We lay our worries at your feet.**

Leader: And after all this was spoken, God was silent.

All: **Still our souls, quiet our minds, and prepare us to be transformed, holy God.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #404

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

Please refer to your Bible’s Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Children’s Message

James L. Crow

Processional Hymn

“Jesus Loves Me”

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Noisy Offering (All donations benefit our Waffles & Worship Ministry.)

Concluding Hymn “Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Arr. Armstrong

Presented by Layla Lutmer, Lili Breson, & Kaylee Bulliner on Choir Chimes

§ Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Please refer to your Bible's Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Message

“Get Up Do Not Be Afraid”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

Presented by Jubellation

“Beautiful Savior”

Arr. Klein

“Come Thou Almighty King”

Arr. Kinyon

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #451**

“Be Thou My Vision”

§ **Benediction**

The good news of God's love is not just a message for the mountaintop. It is a glorious charge and a holy calling. As we leave this house of worship, may we be transfigured ourselves, radiant, refreshed for God's mission. Let us depart with fervent hope and renewed energy. Let our lives be witnesses to the gospel; let God's Spirit emanate from each of us!

Postlude

“Andante Maestoso”

Arr. Michael Burkhardt

You are invited to finish worship by listening to the Postlude.

If you wish to leave, you may do so, leaving quietly so others may enjoy the Postlude.

**Please join us in the Dining Room on the Lower Level for a special
Shrove Pancake Luncheon.**

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Van Driver:	Tim Gorman
Sound Tech:	Tim Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Liturgist:	Lorelle Wandell	Acolyte:	Lili Breson

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **We're collecting for the Noisy Offering today!** Again, we request you spare some spare change for this monthly donation drive. Your nickels and dimes support our outreach ministry **Waffles and Worship**.
- **Shrove Pancake Sunday: It's the Feast before the Fast.** Instead of Facetime, join us in the Dining Room after today's service for a pancake luncheon complete with sausage and all the trimmings. Bert will also lead a craft hour for anyone who wants to make their own Mardi Gras mask. **Plus, Worship is having a Treasure Giveaway.** Vases, candle holders, gently used candles all need new homes to adorn.
- **Join us for one of two Ash Wednesday Services on February 22nd.** Service and imposition of ashes will be held in the Chapel at 12 Noon and then again at 6 p.m.
- **The CSUMC Book Club meets next Sunday, February 26th at 2 p.m. at Jan Mace's home to discuss *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng.**
- **Our next Waffles & Worship service is Sunday, February 26th at 8 a.m. in the Dining Room.** Everyone is welcome to join this morning service filled with fellowship and food.
- **This year's Lenten Study is based on Magrey R. deVega's *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross* (Abingdon Press).** The study begins in the parlor after service on Sunday, February 26th. Contact the office for available copies to purchase, \$12 apiece.
- **Revive YOUR spirit by helping to plan Court Street's Summer Revival 2023.** Anyone interested (you do not have to be a member) is welcome to meet in the Church Library on Wednesday, March 1st, immediately following the Noon Lenten Service, for no more than an hour. If you cannot attend that day but are interested in helping, please notify Lorelle Wandell, (815) 637-6963 or Lori5772pep@msn.com. Looking forward to 'ignition!'

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