

March 2, 2025 Transfiguration Sunday Welcome! We are happy you are here today. The order of worship is found in this bulletin.
\*Indicates congregation stands, if able.

PRELUDE Judy Schetler

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Temaris** 

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

**Pastor Temaris** 

The Mighty One, God The Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

### Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

God's glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, like Elisha, do not think we are ready to encounter glory.

## And yet, God's glory showed up anyway.

Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration and wanted to cling to that one glorious moment.

## And yet, God called them down from the mountain.

So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, yet all are called together to worship and to be led by glory out into the world.

God, may we perceive Your glory all around us, pointing us in the way You would have us go. Amen

- Psalm 50:1-2 and Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2023

\*HYMN He Is Exalted TFWS 2070

OPENING PRAYER (pray responsively)

Drew Fellesco

O God, We open our eyes and we see Jesus, the months of ministry transfigured to a beam of light, the light of the world, Your Light. May Your Light shine upon us.

We open our eyes and we see Moses and Elijah, Your word restoring us, showing us the way, telling a story, Your story, His story, our story. May Your word speak to us.

We open our eyes and we see mist, the cloud of Your Presence which assures us of all we do not know and that we do not need to fear that. Teach us to trust.

We open our eyes and we see Peter's constructions, his best plans, our best plans, our missing the point, our missing the way. Forgive our foolishness and sin.

We open our eyes and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out — to ministry, to people. Your love endures forever.

We open our ears and we hear Your voice, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him!" And we give thanks. Amen.

~(William Loader 2/2001 Discipleship Ministries 2/7/23

#### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (pray together)

Drew Fellesco

Transport us, O God, to the mountaintop with You. Let us leave behind in the valley anything that would blunt our hearing of Your Word. Blind us with the dazzling truth of Your glory, once again. Let the gospel address us as if for the first time, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Homiletics/February 2005 page 51.

PSALTER	<b>Psalm 99</b> (led by Doug Papp)		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalm 91	Doug Papp	
ANTHEM	In Remembrance (by Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red)	Sanctuary Choir	
THE MESSAGE	The Secret Place	Pastor Temaris	
HYMN	I Stand Amazed in the Presence vs 1, 4, & 5	UMH 371	

#### **WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (pray responsively)

Drew Fellesco

As we come to You in prayer, O God, we offer our thanks that You are always present to us.

# Open our eyes Lord, to see You.

We thank You, Lord, that You call us by name.

## Open our ears Lord, to hear You.

Lord, instill in us a sensitivity to Your Holy Presence as we find Your glory in the majesty of a sunset and in the smile of a child.

# Open our hearts and minds, to know You.

We offer gratitude for the courage of martyrs who confront conflict with nonviolence.

# Awaken us to the opportunities for ministry all around us each day.

Inspire us to pray for peace and for healing of our broken world and broken relationships. Help us to so live our lives that when we meet You face to face, we might hear You say,

"You are my beloved. With You, I am well pleased."

~ Prayers Homiletics February 2017 altered

Now let us pray for our own needs and those of others dear to our hearts.	
We pray for	

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

#### WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION UMH 12 CONFESSION and PARDON

THE PEACE

OFFERING Offering is for the UMC Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

OFFERTORY HYMN In His Time TFWS 2203
DOXOLOGY UMH 95
OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor Temaris

#### WE SCATTER TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD

\*HYMN How Great Thou Art UMH 77

\*WORDS OF BLESSINGS (pray responsively)

**Pastor Temaris** 

We have spent this hour together in the presence of our Holy God. As you depart, remember that you are the face of Jesus to everyone you encounter. Beloved, live and love as Jesus would. And may the world be changed and blessed because they have met Jesus, The Beloved, face to face. **Amen.** 

POSTLUDE Judy Schetler

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# **Bulletin Dedication**

The bulletin today is given in memory of John & Helen Lane by Warren and Barbara Lane



Please remember our families and friends in prayer

John Robert Chitester, Evelyn Kraft, Angie Gallagher, Tom & Linda McElwain,
Debra Bogdanowicz, Megan Brown, Shirley Woolman, Jim Conway, Travis Montone,
Zachary Montone, Robert Lapaugh, Sharon Durazolapaugh, Susan Curlett, Carolyn Shinn,
Dana Painter, Tony Hoffman, Kristen Godfrey, John Venditti, Rosemarie Serlenga, Doris Waitz,
Linda Hoffman.

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office@broadstumc.org or placed in the offering plate.

Please continue to pray for those on the prayer list in previous weeks.



5 - Day Devotional

Week of March 2, 2025

**Devotional Summary:** As we journey through these devotions, let us remain anchored in the "secret place" of the Most High. Here, in the presence of God, we find not only protection but profound transformation—just as Jesus was transfigured, so too can our lives reflect His radiant glory. May this week deepen your walk with Him, enriching your faith as you live under the shelter of His wings.

# Day 1: Entering the Secret Place

Scripture: Psalm 91: 1-2

**Reflection:** To dwell in the "secret place" of the Most High is to live in continuous awareness of God's presence. These verses invite us to trust in God as our refuge and fortress, embracing His protection.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to continually seek Your presence, recognizing You as my ultimate refuge and fortress. Teach me to abide in Your secret place every day.

**Action** Step: Spend a few moments today in a quiet place, inviting God to envelop you in His presence.

# Day 2: God's Promises of Protection

Scripture: Psalm 91:3-6

**Reflection:** These verses promise divine protection from various forms of harm. As we draw nearer to God, His faithfulness becomes our shield.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank You for Your promises of protection. I claim Your shield of truth and faithfulness over my life today.

**Action Step:** Identify fears or concerns in your life. Write them down and prayerfully surrender them to God, claiming His promises of protection.

# Day 3: Angel's Watch

Scripture: Psalm 91:11-12

**Reflection**: On Transfiguration Sunday, we are reminded of the divine revelation and supernatural encounters. Just as angels ministered to Jesus, God commands His angels to guard us, showing His care in tangible ways.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, thank You for the ministry of angels in my life. Help me to discern and appreciate Your supernatural protection and guidance.

**Action Step:** Reflect on a time when you felt God's protective hand in your life, possibly through an "angelic" encounter or unexplained help.

# Day 4: The Power of Calling on God

Scripture: Psalm 91:14-15

**Reflection**: God promises to answer us when we call on Him, delivering us and honoring us. This relationship is built on love and trust that transforms us.

**Prayer:** Lord, strengthen my trust in You. Let me always be quick to call on Your name in times of need and in times of joy.

**Action Step:** Commit to calling on God's name throughout your day, making prayer a first response rather than a last resort.

# Day 5: Living in the Assurance of Salvation

Scripture: Psalm 91:16

**Reflection**: The ultimate promise of God's secret place is the gift of salvation—long life and the salvation of our souls. As we celebrate Transfiguration, we see the glory that awaits us in Christ, who has transformed and saved us.

**Prayer:** Thank You, Jesus, for the gift of salvation that promises eternal life with You. Help me to live in the joy and assurance of this gift every day.

**Action Step:** Share your testimony of salvation with someone today. Let others know about the security and hope you have in Christ.

# **Reflection**

# **CALENDAR**

Planning ahead... mark your calendars

Sunday School for Children & Adults - 9:45 AM

Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM (September - mid-June)

Thursdays - 6 PM
Praise Band Practice in Lucas Hall

Thursdays - 7 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in Lucas Hall

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