



Jesus ... led them up
a high mountain ...
And he was transfigured
before them.

MARK 9:2, ESV

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*The Service for the Lord's Day
Transfiguration of the Lord
February 11, 2018*

Boldface type indicates a spoken response.
The asterisk (*) is an invitation to stand if able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, our God, we cry to you and you restore our health. *Ps. 30:2*
**Our healer washes us in the waters of baptism,
cleanses us from all that enslaves,
and gives us peace.**

O Lord, our God, we will give you thanks forever. *Ps. 30:12*

*OPENING HYMN #805 *Come Sing to God*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In obedience to God's command to repent,
let us lay before God and one another our need
for forgiveness,
that we might receive healing mercy.
**Merciful God, we confess that without you, we are not whole.
Forgive our foolish ways,
reform our prideful selves,
make us listen to the way of peace,
remove from us the disbelief to which we cling.
You are the One who liberates with a word
and nourishes us with your own bruised body.
Give us thankful hearts as we come to the waters of life
with trust and hope. Amen.**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The God who knows you through and through,
whose own body and blood were given for your freedom,
who calls you to renewal every day,
hears your repentance and by grace has made you clean.
As a believer In Jesus Christ, I am charged to proclaim the good news.
I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sin.
The weight is lifted from our shoulders; we are free to live and love.
Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS #616 *Awesome God* (sung twice)

*SHARING OUR GIFT OF PEACE FROM CHRIST

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Blanket Sunday* Kay Ostrom

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Sheila Wahamaki

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Kings 5:1–14 [p. 336 OT]

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:40-45 [p. 35 NT]

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 9:24–27 [p. 172 NT]

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE *“Perishables and Non-Perishables”* Pastor Jim Rausch

HYMN #741 *Guide My feet*

SHARING OUR PRAYERS AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #714 *God of the Fertile Fields* (verse 2)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**For your gifts that live all around us in creation, O God,
we give you thanks.**

**For your gifts that come from the servanthood
of your Son, O God,
we give you praise.**

**For the gifts that arise in our daily lives
through the work of your Holy Spirit, O God,
we give you thanks.**

Make these gifts flourish on earth to your glory. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO

*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Jeanne deVette, Lay Liturgist; Mat & Carol Moore, Don & Leanne Swick, Ushers; Mick & Susan Homan, Nick & Hanna Scofield, Greeters; Kay Ostrom, Quinn & Linda Champion, Offering Counters; Bob & Cheryl Hartman, After Worship Hospitality

NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome Guests! We're so glad you joined our church family in worship today. Please join us following the worship service in the chapel for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

This morning's flowers are in remembrance and celebration of the life of Jim McColl.

Marriage Friendship will be held this evening at 5:30 pm in the Chapel. Bring your choice of appetizers or desserts. Drinks will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Pam or Mike Foster.

The deadline to submit articles for the next issue of the Highland Herald is today. Please leave your articles in the newsletter mailbox in the reception office or email them to office@fpcmuskegon.org.

Today is Church World Service Blanket Sunday. Blanket Sunday contribution envelopes are in the pews and contributions will be received throughout this month. \$10.00 purchases one blanket. Blankets of all sizes, including baby blankets, to be distributed to Every Woman's Place and the Household Pantry at Mission for Area People are being collected in the Wickham Hallway and will be received throughout the month of February.

Join us for the YY Valentine's Day Party. Family and friends are welcome as we share God's love through stories, games, and fellowship on today from 1 – 3 p.m. Contact Arisha to RSVP.

Ladies... you and your friends are invited to the "Around-the-Town Luncheon" at Se4sons Gastropub (inside Muskegon Country Club) on Friday, March 9th at noon. Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway by March 5th.



Worship Service
February 14th – 7:00 p.m.

Imposition of ashes will be available during the service, however if you wish to display ashes throughout the day on Wednesday, you may do so by making prior arrangements with Pastor Jim.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday, February 11

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Hospitality
11:30 am O & C Council Mtg.
1:00 pm YY Valentines Party
5:30 pm Marriage Fellowship

Monday, February 12

9:30 am Gentle Yoga
6:30 pm Theology Matters

Tuesday, February 13

9:30 am Moms' Workout Group
10:00 am Hunger Committee Mtg.
12:30 pm Sarah Circle
3:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.
6:00 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Finance Council Mtg.
7:15 pm Gentle Yoga

Wednesday, February 14

1:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Friday, February 16

9:30 am Gentle Yoga

Saturday, February 17

10:00 am Girl Scouts

Sunday, February 18

8:30 am Joyful Ringers
9:15 am Choir Warm-up
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Hospitality
11:15 am Deacons Meeting

Question for Reflection

What simple kindness each day this week has shown you a glimpse of God's everlasting, steadfast love?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, who greets me in the morning and gives me rest at night,
let me see you in the people I meet today.
Let me hear your voice in the sounds that surround me.

Let me heed your call to breathe deeply when I am confused or distressed.
Let me speak kindly to my neighbors this day.
Be my guide and shield,
in the name of Christ Jesus,
who goes before me every step. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Holy One, who calms my troubled mind as the evening comes,
I give you thanks for the richness of this day:
for the work I have had to do,
for the home that offers me a place to rest,
for the friends and family who have touched me in the last hours,
and for the people of your church in every land whose prayers—
unknown to me—are yet a part of my life through you.
Bless your people everywhere, and bless me, too,
as I lay down to sleep; in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.