

# WESLEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## *Order of Worship*

# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 19, 2023

7:30 am

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## WELCOME

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. McKennon Shea

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Let us pray:

**God of glory and mercy, before his death in shame your Son went to the mountain top, and you revealed his life in glory. Where prophets witnessed to him, you proclaimed him your Son, but he returned to die among us. Help us to face evil with courage, knowing that all things, even death, are subject to your transforming power. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HYMN

ST. ELIZABETH

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling stary host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus sines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-8

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from

the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

This is the Word of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“*Seeing Jesus Only*”

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson

## SOLO

*The Grand Alleluia*

Franz Schubert  
(1797-1828)

*Praise to Thee, all praise to Thee, O Lord, sing we now a grand Alleluia. Father, we thank Thee; Thou, O Lord, art very great, Thou art clothed with strength and majesty. Thine is an everlasting kingdom, to all the ends of the earth Thou art God. Thy dominion endureth, Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. Come and let us worship Him, let us worship Him, O come and let us worship, come and let us worship God in the beauty of holiness, for He is our God. Praise to Thee, O Lord our God, all praise and glory belong to Thee; all the earth shall magnify Thy name, for Thou shalt reign forever. Praise to Thee, all praise to Thee, O Lord, sing we now a grand Alleluia. Father, we thank Thee; Thou, O Lord, art very great, Thou art clothed in glory.*

## DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Grand Choeur Dialogué*

Eugène Gigout

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## PARTICIPATING TODAY

The Reverend Dr. Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor  
The Reverend Dr. McKennon Shea, Lector  
Mrs. Clarice Friedrich, Soprano Soloist  
Mr. Michael Friedrich, Tenor Soloist  
Mr. Chris Massey, Audio Video Technician  
Mr. Frank Pifferetti, Director of Traditional Music Ministries and Organist

**TO GIVE:**

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