



St. John's United Church of Christ
Virtual Worship & FM 88.5
Transfiguration Sunday
February 14, 2021
10:00 a.m.

St. John's United Church of Christ
An "Open and Affirming" Congregation

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m.

February 14, 2021

(Let us be silent and prayerful as we prepare ourselves for worship.)

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Remembering that God calls us through Christ to be ministers with each other, St. John's United Church of Christ, as inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit, seeks: To be inclusive and accessible to all people; To provide loving service to all of God's people through mission and ministry; To strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

Prelude

Sharing of Announcements and Joys & Concerns

Moment for Centering

Call to Worship

In a beginning before humans were formed and nature knew God's great presence, the Spirit moved over the universe.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. *Psalm 24:1-2*

In quiet peace God created humans, women and men, colorful, balanced and creatively diverse and the beauty of God's love filled the earth.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, with all your mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. *Matthew 22: 37-39*

In honor of Black History Month, we will remember names of people who have changed the face of history - such as Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Thurgood Marshall, Ruby Bridges, and Martin Luther King, Jr

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed with palm branches in their hands. *Rev. 7:9*

Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!

Amen

Opening Music: #593 "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (accompanied by the Penn Central Virtual Choir video)

1) Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark
past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present
has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

2) Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had
died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers
sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears
has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through
the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand
at last, Where the white gleam of our bright
star is cast.

- 3) God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the
way;
Thou who has by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the
world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand
May we forever stand
True to our God, True to our native land.

Words for All - Especially Children

Scripture Mark 9:2-9

Message *"And then?"*

We Pause to Pray

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sinned and sinned against us) 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 have sinned 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 Response #781

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.

Dedication of Gifts and Offerings:

With these gifts we proclaim not ourselves but Jesus
and commit ourselves to follow a way that leads to love and life.
May our sacrifice be witness to our love for each other
and the God who loves us all. Amen.

Music to Send Us Forth #524

"This Little Light of Mine"

1. This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

2. Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, oh let it shine.

Benediction

Postlude

THIS WEEK

Monday, February 15	7:00 p.m.	FINANCE/PERSONNEL (ZOOM)
Tuesday, February 16		
Wednesday, February 17	5-6 p.m.	DRIVE-THRU ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (UNDER PORTICO)
Thursday February 18	7:00 p.m.	CONSISTORY (ZOOM)
Friday, February 19		
Saturday February 20		
Sunday, February 21	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP

In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Morning

(please contact the church office, at 570-523-0162, with any updates)

Ongoing Needs- Betty Hackenberg, Janet & Richard Heaton, Joanne & Bill Stahley, Linda Williams, Wayne Williams.

Shut-In/Homebound- Ann Beasom, Richard Berry, Peg Brouse, Ethel Foor, Bill & Lola Fuller, Evelyn Mabus, Ken Moore, Ethel Moser, Loretta Roberson, Mary Stover, Amelia Troutman.

Immediate Concerns -Oliver Auman, Helen Barsh, Theresa Beers, Scot Bower, Christine Sartwell, Peg Swinehart, Megan Oxley, The Family of Nancy Sechler, The Family of Malinda & Burt Price.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

February 7, 2021

2021 Soup Sale - \$34.00; Ash Wednesday - \$5.00; Church Vocations Fund - \$180.00;

Current Expenses - \$960.00; Offering Envelope Expenses - \$13.00;

Food Pantry - \$20.00; Improvements/Maintenance - \$125.00;

Mission/Social Action -\$10.00; OCWM - \$205.00; R.L. Hackman Invoice - \$35.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$1,587.00 THANK YOU!

THE NEXT ZOOM FELLOWSHIP - we will hold our next “monthly” Fellowship hour via ZOOM, on **TODAY**, February 14th, at 11:30 a.m. Please consider joining us for some “face-time” and fellowship. The link has been sent out along with the bulletin

Souperbowl of Caring SOUP SALE - Thanks to everyone who helped to make this project a success! (Pick up this afternoon from 1 to 2 p.m. under the portico). We sold 60 quarts, and 2 pints of soup! All of the funds received will be donated to the Lewisburg Food Pantry, to help feed more hungry people!

ASH WEDNESDAY - This **Wednesday, February 17th**, between 5 and 6 p.m., we will hold a “**Drive Through**” Ash Wednesday service, under the portico. Please turn your radio to 88.5 for service music. As you stop on your way through you will be offered a gathering greeting, then stop for the Imposition of Ashes, at the next stop you will be offered Holy Communion to take home with you and a blessing for your Lenten journey, including some devotional/reflection materials for the season. All of this will be done safely (low contact and masked). **Please use the EASTERN driveway (the LEFT side when facing the building), to enter under the Portico. There will be 3 stations for you to stop.**

A brief order for the sharing Holy Communion will be available both on Facebook, our website, <http://www.stjohnslewisburg.org/>, and in the bulletin you receive as you drive through.

SPRING CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS - When you are in college, it is always nice to know that you are remembered by your Church Family! Whether our college students are attending classes in-person or virtually, they could use a reminder that we are thinking of them. The Christian Education Committee will be preparing Spring Care Packages for our four college students: Keith, Ashley, Abigail, and Alex. Please consider contributing something that could easily be stored in a college dorm room or shared apartment. Items can be dropped off at the church in the labeled basket across from the office. **Please donate items by Sunday, February 28**, so that we can deliver them to the students by the middle of March. **ITEMS SUCH AS THESE ARE REQUESTED**: Granola, granola bars, protein bars, cereal bars, Goldfish crackers, Middleswarth potato chips, K-cups (regular dark roasts), peanut-butter-filled pretzels, peanut butter or cheese sandwich crackers, cookies, and any other sweet and/or salty snacks.

HELP NEEDED -The Eastern Union County Supplemental Food Program is looking for teen and adult volunteers to carry groceries at our Food Pantry distributions, from 1:15-3:30, on the first and third Friday of every month. We are located at the First Baptist Church at 51 South 3rd. Street in Lewisburg. Masks are required, and social distancing practices are in place. If you can carry a bag of groceries up a flight of steps please volunteer at an upcoming distribution on February 5 and 19 and March 5 and 19. Questions? Call Cindy at 570-523-6898.