

# Ebenezer United Methodist Church

February 14, 2021



*Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a  
Stephen Ministry Congregation.*



Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

*In Loving Memory of my Wife, Jane.*

*Presented by Calvin Keeler, Sr.*

## Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Organist:	Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Michael Lynch
Live Stream Team:	Richard Browne, Bill Clark, and Reed Williams
Ushers:	Dorothy Towery and Sherri Hodgson
Song Leader/Soloist:	Kathy and Ken Zinn

# TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

*“And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white,  
such as no one on earth could bleach them...  
Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,  
‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’” Mark 9:26-3, 7*

February 14, 2021

10:00 AM

GATHERING

CENTERING MUSIC

“Tocatta in F Major”

Detrick Buxtehude

\*INVOCATION

**Holy and magnificent God, you are the Light of the World.  
Your radiance dispels the darkness in which we hide.  
Your majesty stuns us to silence.  
Your beauty humbles us to our knees.  
As we behold your glory, all else fades away.  
That which we thought was so important and so urgent is exposed  
as insignificant and temporal in the light of your eternal love and holiness.  
Help us in our worship today to see beyond our preconceptions  
and expectations of a God who wants us to be comfortable and happy.  
Instead, give us faith to see and worship the Lord of the universe,  
the Creator of all that is, the Sustainer of our lives,  
the Redeemer who reigns in power even now. Amen.**

\*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 173, v. 1, 3) “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky” RATISBON

**1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**3. Visit then this soul of mine;  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Speak to us, O Lord our God, and let the fire of your Spirit  
burn brightly in our hearts.  
Open our minds to receive the wisdom of the law,  
the hope of the prophets, and the life of the gospel:  
Jesus Christ, your living Word. Amen.**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SHARING

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Jesus, Lover of my Soul"  
Kathy Zinn, soloist

Hawkins/Holbrook

Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high:  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, oh, leave me not alone,  
Still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
With the shadow of Thy wing.

Hide me, oh my Savior hide me,  
Till the storm has passed away.  
Keep me safe until the day  
comes into your arms I stay.

MESSAGE

"But Only Jesus"

Rev. Mary Browne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD (UMH 507) "Through It All"

THROUGH IT ALL

**Through it all, through it all,  
I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God'  
Through it all, through it all,  
I've learned to depend upon God's Word.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Mighty and merciful one, you have come to us in glory;  
now we come to you in prayer, saying,  
LORD, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

We pray for your glorious creation....

Stamp out fires of destruction, drive away clouds of pollution,  
and restore the beauty of this world.

LORD, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

We pray for the body of Christ....

Open our hearts in faith, enlighten our minds with knowledge,  
and strengthen us to proclaim the gospel.  
LORD, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

We pray for the people of all nations....  
Show the nations your vision of justice, offer the leaders your mantle of wisdom,  
and give the people your blessing of peace.  
LORD, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

We pray for those who are perishing....  
Feed those who are starving, comfort those who are suffering,  
and receive the dying into your arms.  
LORD, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

We pray for those whom we love....  
Bless our families, friends, and neighbors, help them in times of trouble,  
and be near when they are afraid.  
LORD, by your Spirit, **grant what we ask.**

Holy One, make us ready for the day when this world is transfigured, transformed,  
made new—when all things will shine in the dazzling light of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.**

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT AND INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Meditation"

Wayne L. Wold

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH* 87, v.1) "What Gift Can We Bring" ANNIVERSARY SONG  
**What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
what song can we offer in honor and praise?**

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER

**God of Transformation, we come together as those  
who have met you on the mountaintop.  
We have each had our holy encounters with you;  
and in those moments, we have wanted to stay on the mountain  
and retreat from the world.  
We know that is our longing, not yours.**

**So, as we offer our gifts this morning in response to your blessings in our life,  
remind us that our mission begins as we leave this place,  
and help us hold our memories of those mountaintop encounters with you  
in our hearts.  
We pray boldly in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

see separate booklet

*Receiving the sacrament of Christian Baptism today is Aiden Michael Barnett, son of  
Andrew M. Barnett, and grandson of Kimberly and Dennis Lindgren.*

\*CLOSING HYMN (UMH 157, v. 1, 3, 5) "Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

**1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**3. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.**

**5. Let every creature rise and bring  
honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen!**

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go now, and speak of what you have seen of God's glory.  
Do not cling to the holy moments when heaven overshadows you,  
but as the LORD lives, listen to Christ and follow him  
from the places of revelation to the places of mission.

And may God shine the light of glory into your hearts.  
May Christ be with you and never leave you.  
And may the Spirit renew the image of God within you.  
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

SENDING FORTH

"Duke Street"

Samuel Metzger

*Please remain seated until the SENDING FORTH is concluded  
and you are dismissed by an usher.  
You will be dismissed by rows, starting at the back of the sanctuary.*

*\*please stand, in body or spirit*  
**bold text indicates congregation response**

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit. ††

*UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal*

Lectionary Scriptures for **Ash Wednesday**, February 17, 2021:

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Ash Wednesday** Worship Scripture: Matthew 11:28-30

Lectionary Scriptures for the **First Sunday in Lent**, February 21, 2021

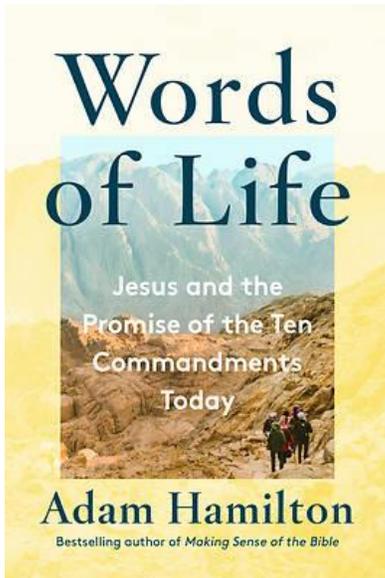
Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

**First Sunday in Lent** Worship Scripture: Matthew 8:1-4, 16-17

## Lenten Bible Study

We will have 2 meeting times for the Lenten Bible Study, a daytime group that will meet on Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (**the first meeting will be on Monday to accommodate Pastor Mary's schedule**), and an evening group will meet on Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Both meeting times will be offered in-person and via ZOOM. The dates for the daytime group on Tuesdays will be February 22 (Monday), March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. The dates for the evening group on Wednesdays will be February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

There are clipboards on the table in the narthex of the church on which you can sign up to be part of the study or you may contact the church office via e-mail or telephone. We are asking for a donation of \$15.00 for the hardcover book, but this should not be a barrier to anyone being able to participate in the Lenten Study. Please contact Pastor Mary if you have any questions.



**Your giving envelopes for 2021 are available for pick up in Room 211.**



## Our Prayers

Michele Berk + Tommy Bey ++ <b>Elaine Bruce</b> <b>Michael Bruce</b> Ralph Crossan ++++ Brian Fulton +++	<b>Sara Leah</b> Stephanie Simmons +++ Becky Wolfe + Ed Wolfe ++++	<u><b>Ongoing Concerns</b></u> Jade August Barbara Anna Marie Beasom Donald Bogert Clara Breslford Roy Brown Judy Crescenzo Frieda Crossan Ruth Dore Victoria “Bo” Fulton Guy	Ken Johnson Kristin Howard & Louise Pierce Curtis Reedy Denise Reedy Jeannette Richart Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant
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In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

**Please pray for all Law Enforcement Officers.**

**Please continue to remember all who serve our country in the military,  
especially pray for those represented from our congregation.**

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE FEBRUARY 17 7:00 p.m. In-person & Livestream

Please plan to attend the Ash Wednesday service as we begin observing the season of Lent. Our journey through Lent begins with a recognition of our mortality and the need for repentance. We apply ashes to our forehead as a recognition of our need for repentance and our dependence on the mercy of God in forgiveness.

If you attend the service in person, we will have a caring safety protocol for applying ashes. If you plan to attend the service via the livestream, please notify the church office so we can provide you with a representation of an ash cross. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mary Browne.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets every Tuesday at 9:30am in the CLC.

**Bible Study for Today:** Meets every Thursday at 9:15am in GHH. If you would like to attend, you need to please contact Nancy Williams at [mtnanax3@yahoo.com](mailto:mtnanax3@yahoo.com) or (406) 381-8304.



Since we could not attend the Youth Rally this year, the Youth at Ebenezer wanted to do a service project. We would like to gather and assemble hygiene kit items that will be donated to UMCOR. Once we receive items, the youth will meet to assemble them to be sent off to the HUB or Mission Central.

We need the congregation's help in gathering these items. Here are the things we need down to the exact specifications. Linens must be new and not washed:

**Hand towels, Washcloths, Combs, Toenail or fingernail clippers, Bath-size soaps, Adult toothbrushes, Adhesive bandages and One-gallon size re-sealable bags.**

**Detailed lists are available in Narthex near the drop off bin.**

Thank you!

Here is a link to [UMCOR's](http://www.umcor.org) website if you need to pull pictures or logos.

Mike and Meg

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