

First United Methodist Church of Toms River
Sanctuary Worship ~ February 11, 2024 ~ 10:30am

Transfiguration Sunday

PRELUDE

I'd Rather Have Jesus

John Hudson

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark 9:2-7

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

Ministers: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN No. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Hurst)*

Lord, you are the perfect Creator, and you tell us we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We confess that our pride prevents us from believing this truth. We question your craftsmanship and often wish that you had made us a different way. Heal us of this sinful tendency. Help us celebrate how you have made us in your image with perfect purpose and care. Lord, we know that you call us into holy service to further your Kingdom on earth. We confess that sometimes we use our God-given gifts to further our own kingdoms instead of yours. Renew our hearts and strengthen us. Go with us as we do the work you have given. We ask all this in the creative name of Jesus, the Christ of God...

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

*RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: Lord, we are called to shine brightly in the world...

Ministers: ...and we must stay close to your light to keep shining

Pastor: Lord, we are created to offer people a life of purpose...

Ministers: ...and we must stay close to your counsel to keep our purpose clear

Pastor: Lord, you have given us the strength to offer hope instead of despair...

Ministers: ...and we need you to fill us with that same hope

Pastor: Lord, challenge us to live differently...

Ministers: ...so we may be the salt and light you intended

*PRAISE RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

*THE APOSTLES' CREED – No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE No. 500 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love. (2x)*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prayer in Bb

Alexander Guilmant

PRESENTATION OF OUR TRUST, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*HYMN No. 348

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

MESSAGE

Last Word

Galatians 1:11-24

*HYMN No. 378

Amazing Grace

v. 1-4

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude

M. G. Fischer

*Indicates that those who are able, please stand





YOUTH MINISTRIES FUNDRAISING DINNER
NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024
In Thompson Hall

*Doors open at 6:00pm and dinner
Will be served until 8:00pm*

Italian Pasta Dish ~ \$18.00

*There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the FLC and in
the Narthex*

Or email

*Bob Ferrara..... bob@fumctr.com or
Matthew Fullerton.....matthew@fumctr.com*





Lenten Study

With Pastor Ed

Luke:

Jesus & the Outsiders, Outcasts & Outlaws

DVD Study by Adam Hamilton

We'll explore the life of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's accounts we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes "sinners" and outcasts. As we study Luke's Gospel and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word we can apply to our lives today!

February 28; March 6; 13; 20

10am & 6:45pm Sessions in the Sanctuary

Books: \$15

Scholarships Available