



March 13, 2022

Rev. Lura Kidner-Miesen, Pastor
Eric McKirdy, Organist & Music Director
Rev. Bill Hays, Guest Pastor

Centering Thoughts

Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration.
—Pope Francis.

Be determined to live in the light.
—Lailah Gifty Akita

The human journey is a continuous act of transfiguration.
—John O'Donohue

Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.
—Helen Keller

God places us in the world as [God's] fellow workers—agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world.
—Desmond Tutu

Welcome!

Prelude

Invitation to Worship

Carol Pemberton

(adapted from *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thurman)

Open unto us—light for our darkness.

Open unto us—courage for our fear.

Open unto us—hope for our despair.

Open unto us—peace for our turmoil.

Open unto us—joy for our sorrow.

Open unto us—strength for our weakness.

Open unto us—wisdom for our confusion.

Open unto us—forgiveness for our sins.

Open unto us—tenderness for our toughness.

Open unto us—love for our hates.

Open unto us—Thy Self to be held by You.

Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

UMH #384

Scripture:

Luke 9:28-36

Message: "The High Point of Life"

Rev. Bill Hays

Hymn: *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown*

UMH #386 vv.1, 2, 4

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Song: *In the Garden*

Lonna Capaci, Chaundra Carter
& Eric McKirdy

Closing blessing

Postlude



Announcements

~ We welcome Rev. Bill Hays to the pulpit today. Pastor Lura returns from vacation on Friday, March 18.

~ We celebrate that we can sing during in-person worship! (Please continue to wear a mask.)

~ You are invited to write down any questions or comments you have about COVID and the church's COVID policy. Leave your comments on the table in the church entryway, email them to Pastor Lura at Lura@albanymethodist.org, or drop them off at the church office. The church's COVID Team will answer questions, listen to comments, and explain the church policy changes after the worship service next Sunday, March 20.

~ Our United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is helping refugees who are fleeing Russia's brutal war on Ukraine. UMCOR also helps disaster victims in the U.S. and around the world. You may support this vital work by donating. Please note on your check that it is for "UMCOR," or by donate through our church website.

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