



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

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PROGRAM

Coffee Fellowship Time Fellowship Hall (L.L.) 9:00 a.m.
Worship Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care South Hallway 9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION

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Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday Closed
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



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February 11, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Transfiguration Sunday

Thought for the Day before Worship
We think and then plan, but as Napoleon Hill suggests,
“the beginning, as you will observe, is in your imagination.”

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Prelude on “St. Denio”* (Austin Lovelace)

Tower Bell

Introit

Holy God, we praise your name; Sovereign God, we bow before you; All on earth your scepter claim, all the heavenly hosts adore you. Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

***Call to Worship**

The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth.

From the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence.

Before God is a devouring fire

And a mighty tempest all around him. God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may judge the people.

The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. And all God's people say:

Amen.

Let us Worship our God!!

***Hymn #48** *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* (St. Denio)

***Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

Holy and Glorious God, by our gathering together in this place we are affirming our communal truth: it is good for us to be here. It is good to acknowledge our need and desire to Worship, and to be open to your presence in our midst. Help us prepare to receive the revelations you give when your people gather in Christ's name. And having been touched by the wondrous mystery of your love, and transformed by an experience of communion, may our lives reflect your glory.

Communicating God, we confess that we may come to church more out of habit and to see friends, rather than with sincere desire to praise and worship you. We often suppose our experience in worship will be like many of the days in the rest of our lives: ordinary, predictable, unsurprising, and uninspiring. Such an attitude deafens and blinds us to your in-breaking revelations, to awareness of your loving presence, to your word, and to your uplifting and life-changing Spirit.

We admit, O God, that although we, as church, are blessed by your glorious presence in Christ, we too often fail to let you transform us. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the Good News! It is good for us to be here. We know we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory, and that all are in need of God's forgiveness. We are justified by grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. In this time of Worship, we receive by faith this assurance of God's pardon. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Creatorex)

**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.**

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 50:1-6

The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silent;
before him is a devouring fire
and a mighty tempest all around him.
He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge. Selah

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Laura Haas

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Laura Haas & Tom Williams

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, February 11: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. "Souper" Bowl Sunday Luncheon-
Fellowship Hall

Monday, February 12: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, February 13: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, February 14: Noon Ash Wednesday Service
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch

Thursday, February 15: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 17: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, February 18: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Marty or Pastor John Robson to contact you.

In Our Prayers

Joan Berkemeyer, Norma Biery, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Donna & Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Chuck Hawkins, Henry Marksberry, Bill Seibert, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Wendy Watts, Betty Webster & Family of Betty Westermeyer

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.
Designated Pastor Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer
Pastor of Visitation John Robson

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Peggy Eckert. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Peggy as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Peggy Eckert
The Barrington of Ft. Thomas
940 Highland Avenue
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

Children's Activity Bags

Activity bags for the children are located at each entrance of the church. Feel free to pick up a bag for your child (children) to work on during the worship service. When the service is done just drop the bags off at each exit so that we may replenish the bags for the following week.

Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

From the Letters of Paul: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Anthem

"We Walk By Faith"

(Williams/Sanborn)

We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.
Sometimes trials come our way. We don't know what to do or say.
But we know God will make a way if we trust, trust and obey.
We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.
We trust in God and in His Son. What God has promised will be done.
And as each journey is begun His Holy Spirit makes us one.
We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.
We may not fully understand, but we are guided by His hand.
And as we follow faith's command, God leads us to the promised land.
We walk by faith and not by sight. We trust in God and not in might.
For in our darkness He is light. We walk by faith and not by sight.

From the Gospels: Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Sermon

"This Is NOT A Sermon" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Hymn #502**

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Slane)

**Gathering Together in Prayer
Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral 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 and ever. Amen.

Response

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

Offertory Invitation

The ends of the earth are our possession for a time, as stewards of God's bounty. When we manage well the abundant resources of the earth, there is joy awaiting us. Enter into the joy of giving.

Offertory

"Jesus, Savior, Blessed Friend" (Govenor)

Whom have I, O Lord, beside you? What have I except your love?
Where is home if not for heaven, there to dwell with you above?
Who are you, if not my Savior? Who am I if not your own?
What are you if not my shelter, Christ, my rock and corner stone?
Jesus, Savior, blessed friend, I will love you without end.

Who will share my earthly sorrow? Who will heal my broken heart?
Who will hold my life together when it seems to fall apart?
When the fears are far too many, and the joys are far too few,
Who will comfort and defend me? Only you, Lord, only you.
Jesus, Savior, dearest friend, I will trust you without end.

Where, O Lord, when life is over, can I go, but home to you?
What have I except the promise where you are I shall be too?
When at last I reach the comfort of that bright celestial place,
There with joy will I behold you, gaze upon your glorious face.
Jesus, Savior, heavenly friend, I will praise you without end.

***Doxology**

(Old 100th)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Compassionate God, the world will only experience our Worship when it extends into our service. May our moments of encounter with the living Christ give us new vision to work for justice and for peace, to feed hungry people, comfort the lonely ones, and visit those who are sick. With the offering we now make in Christ's name, we dedicate ourselves to you. Amen.

***Hymn #515**

"Hymn of Promise" (Promise)

***Benediction**

***Choral Response**

Postlude

"St. Anthony Chorale" (Haydn/Brahms)



WELCOME!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!
We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.
May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church today are in memory of Barbara Twehues.
From her Family.



Open flower dates are February 18th & 25th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.