



*Mt Vernon UMC*

*Transfiguration*

## ENTRANCE

### GATHERING<sup>1</sup>

*Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.*

### GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ, whose light shines through you, is with us!

**Praise the Lord!**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

Reveal your presence to us this day,

O God of light, love, and glory.

As you did to your servants at the foot of the mountain,  
send your Spirit to show us your story.

May the brilliance of your face  
illuminate this place

as we dare to proclaim your Word  
and may we, your people, be never unable  
to tell all of that we have heard.

Amen.

### PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

3056. Jesus, the Light of the World

### CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>3</sup>

God, we come to the mountaintop to be covered in your  
presence.

**We are comforted by your holiness and your glow;**

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<sup>1</sup> Latimore, Kelly. Transfiguration, <https://kellylatimoreicons.com/>.

<sup>2</sup> Inspired by Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-9, Luke 9:28-36, 2 Peter 1:16-18. written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on *Wild and Precious Life*.  
<http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>

<sup>3</sup> General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. <http://www.gcsrw.org/Portals/4/WHM.worship%20March%20202.pdf>

**we are comforted by the hope of the mountain top,  
where you are so close, so accessible,  
where there is no doubt of your glory**

The mountain top reminds us why we worship you.

**We witness your bright power,  
and your plan for the nations of the earth.**

As we prepare for worship,  
God bring us to the mountain top;  
**bring us to the mountain top  
so that we may be inspired to do your work  
in the valley below.**

HYMN 103. Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 34:29-31

*Moses' face shone*

34:29

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

34:30

When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

34:31

But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them.

## HYMN

## I Saw the Light<sup>4</sup>

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Just like a blind man, I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray  
For straight is the gate and narrows the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

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<sup>4</sup> Hank Williams Sr. © 1948. Renewed 1975 Sony/ATV Acuff Rose Music  
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## PROVERB

Proverbs 6:20-23 (NIV)

20 My son, keep your father's command  
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

21 Bind them always on your heart;  
fasten them around your neck.

22 When you walk, they will guide you;  
when you sleep, they will watch over you;  
when you awake, they will speak to you.

23 For this command is a lamp,  
this teaching is a light,  
and correction and instruction  
are the way to life.

## RESPONSE

70. GLORIA PATRI

## NOISY OFFERING

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

## RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,**

**and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## *PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE*

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-36

*Jesus is transfigured on the mountain*

9:28

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

9:29

And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

9:30

Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

9:31

They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

9:32

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

9:33

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying.

9:34

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

9:35

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

9:36

When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 3:17-4:1

3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

3:18

And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4:1

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

## MESSAGE

HYMN

585. This Little Light of Mine

PEACE & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God for all that love has done;**

**Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

***THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION***

**GREAT THANKSGIVING - UMH17**

## 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - UMH11

**Eternal God, we give you thanks**

**for this holy mystery**

**in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world**

**in the strength of your Spirit,**

**to give ourselves for others,**

**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *SENDING FORTH*

## BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ

and the love of God

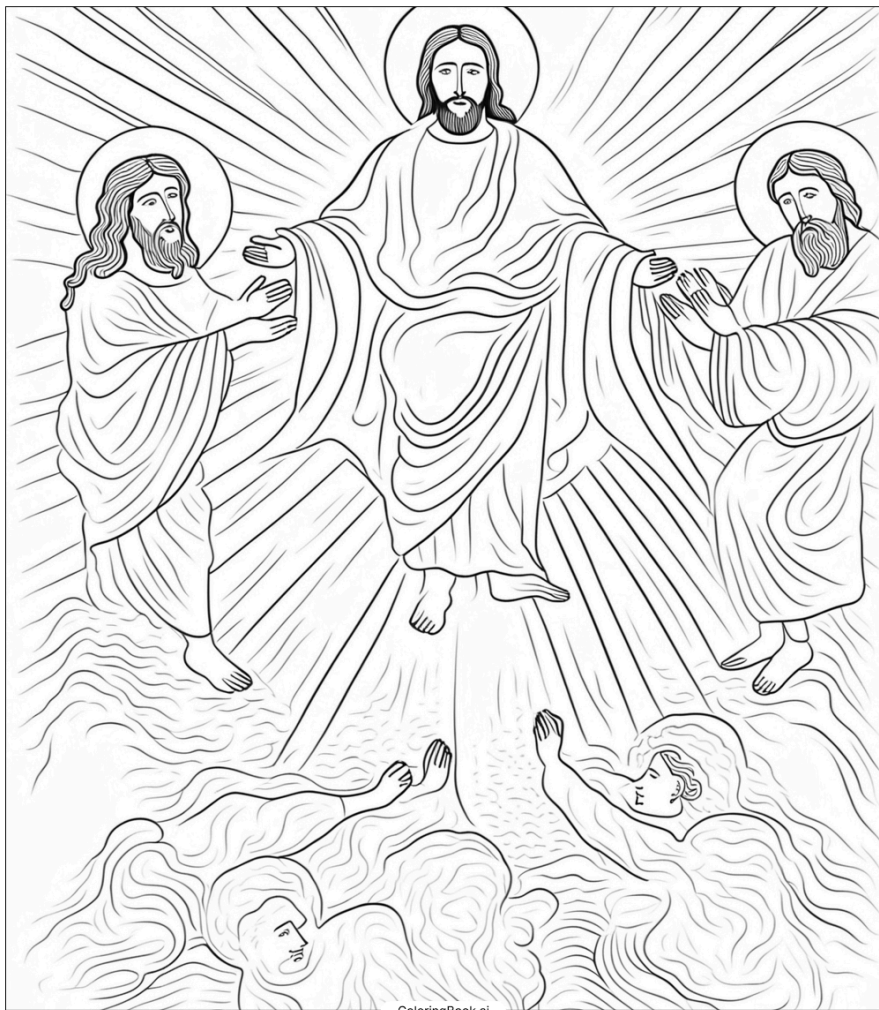
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with you all. (2 Cor 13:14).

### CANDLES 664. Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*Go into the world, the body of Christ redeemed by His  
blood, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, to praise the  
Father and love His people.*





## ***In Search of Wisdom***

In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs. Inspired by Joyce Meyer's *In Search of Wisdom*, for 31 Sundays we will consider each book of Proverbs, in turn. Books are available in the narthex or you may purchase them on Amazon.

<del>Jan 19</del>	<del>Prov. 1</del>	Apr 27	Prov. 12	Aug 03	Prov. 21
<del>Jan 26</del>	<del>Prov. 2</del>	May 04	Prov. 13	Aug 10	Prov. 22
<del>Feb 02</del>	<del>Prov. 3</del>	May 11	Prov. 31	Aug 31	Prov. 23
<del>Feb 16</del>	<del>Prov. 4</del>	May 18	Prov. 14	Sep 07	Prov. 24
<del>Feb 23</del>	<del>Prov. 5</del>	Jun 08	Prov. 15	Sep 14	Prov. 25
Mar 02	Prov. 6	Jun 15	Prov. 16	Sep 14	Prov. 26
Mar 09	Prov. 7	Jun 22	Prov. 17	Oct 05	Prov. 27
Mar 23	Prov. 8	Jun 29	Prov. 18	Oct 12	Prov. 28
Mar 25	Prov. 9	Jul 20	Prov. 19	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Mar 30	Prov. 10	Jul 27	Prov. 20	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Apr 06	Prov. 11				

## Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
Ash Wednesday	6:00pm 3/5
Blessings of Tractors & Seeds	3/15
Pi Day	3/16

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## Recent and Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Teresa Sherman, Barry Couch, John Arbuckle,  
Dan Sherman, Nick Free, Meg Dickinson, Caleb Oye, Bill Kurth

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Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught  
Learn together of God's love and grace  
Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents  
Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!-  
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If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob ([217-751-4400](tel:217-751-4400); [pastor@mtvernon-umc.org](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).