



Chaires Methodist Church

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor WELCOMING OF GUESTS Pastor PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Congregation: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth (Psalm 50:1-2).

Liturgist: God's glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, like Elisha, do not think we are ready to encounter glory.

Congregation: And yet, God's glory showed up anyway.

Liturgist: Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration and wanted to cling to that one glorious moment.

Congregation: And yet, God called them down from the mountain. Liturgist: So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, yet all are called together to worship and to be led by glory out into the world.

Congregation: God, may we perceive your glory all around us, pointing us in the way you would have us go. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE CEL #747 Sunshine in My Soul (v. 1-4)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

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; He descended into hell; 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.

*GLORIA PATRI See screen

*Please stand as you are able

OLD TESTAMENT READING: (2 Kings 2:1-12 NKJV *see insert*) Liturgist

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear Father, we want to walk with Jesus and let his light shine on us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING (2 Corinthians 4:3-6 NKJV see insert) Liturgist

MISSION MOMENT GOSPEL READING (Mark 9:2-9 NKJV see insert) Liturgist

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE Pastor PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor

*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH #467 *Trust and Obey* (v. 1-4)

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Crossing Over

Theme: Transfiguration Sunday

Main Idea: At this point in Jesus' life, the transformation confirms His identity, His mission, and His message.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating our Gifts) OFFERTRORY PRAYER

Gracious God, as we remember Christ's transfiguration, we stand in awe of the glimpse of your glory revealed on the mountain. Just as Peter, James, and John witnessed the radiant presence of Christ, we, too, are transformed by your love and grace. As we offer our tithes and offerings, may these gifts reflect the warming light of your love in our lives. Just as Jesus was transfigured before them, may our hearts be transformed, and our actions reflect the love and truth Jesus embodies. Bless our giving and use it to bring your divine light to a world in need. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

PASSING THE PLATE

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Praise God. From Whom

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION 3) CEL #503 Since Jesus Came Into My Heart (v. 1-

*COMMISION / BENEDICTION

Pastor

Beloved, go now in the strength and power of what you have witnessed in this place knowing that the glory that leads us into transition also comforts us in our growing pains and sustains us as we take up our mantle and cross over to the other side. **Amen**. *BENEDICTION RESPONSE Fellowship

Love and See screen

POSTLUDE



Members

Mary Alice & Michael Linzy Marion Lollie and her husband, Sammie

<u>Friends and Family</u> Kay Comer (friend of Pastor Kerry & Tiffany Jill Berquist (friend of Sheila Novak) Johhny Holmes Sharee & Joan Dean Amy Clark Jay Hipps (friend of Franklin & Frances Chaires) Scott Davis (nephew of Edna Matthews) Linda (nurse in a doctor's office) Lisa Rigsby (friend of Diane Matthews) **Praise for:** Bill Butler - 1 year anniversary from being released from hospital (after 4 month stay last year)