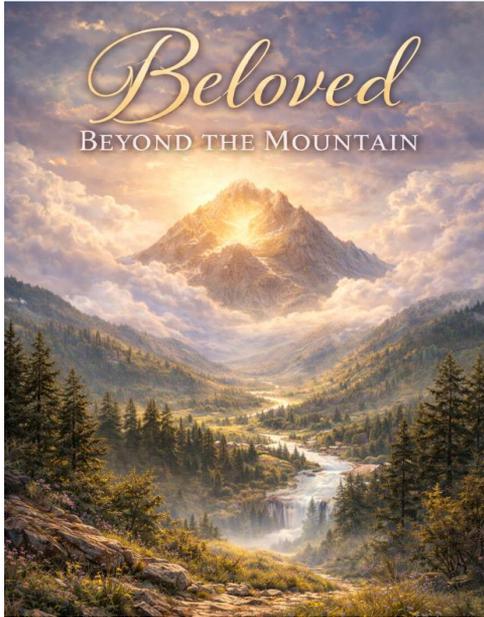




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February 15th, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

PRELUDE: *All That Has Life and Breath Come Now With Praises Before Him*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY (January/February)

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Carol Conway
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: We gather on the mountain of glory, searching for a glimpse of God.

People: We come with hearts full of hope, longing to be named and known.

Leader: From the cloud a voice speaks:

People: "This is my Son, the Beloved."

Leader: In Christ, we discover who we are.

People: We are God's beloved, called to listen and to love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One whose love shines in every shadow.

People: We come to worship, to listen, and to be transformed.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Carol Conway

Radiant God, on mountaintops and in valleys, in moments of clarity and in seasons of cloudiness, you speak love over your children. Before we understand, before we follow, before we get it right, you call us beloved. Open our hearts this day to listen to your Son. Shape our lives by His merciful example. Teach us to love with patience, courage, and grace. In the name of the Beloved One, Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** UMH#258 *O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair*
(vv. 1-3)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Alison Johnson

ANTHEM: *Come, Let Us Sing Out for Joy to the Lord!* Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Daniel Faniyan

SCRIPTURE READING

Carol Conway

Old Testament: Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSVUE)

Moses enters the cloud of God's glory

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

New Testament: Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSVUE)

Christ revealed as God's beloved Son

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until

after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." *This is the Word of God, for the people of God; People: Thanks be to God.*

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

TFWS#2152 *Change My Heart, O God*

SERMON: *Beloved Beyond the Mountain* Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING: *(please place offering envelope in basket or text: "dollar amount you wish to give" to 908-224-7670)*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: Voluntary on *To God Be the Glory*
William Teubner - trumpet

***DOXOLOGY:** *(please rise as you are able)*

UMH #95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***CLOSING HYMN:**

Worship & Song #3164 *Down to the River to Pray*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on an *Early American Hymn*

**denotes please stand as you are able.*

**PLEASE NOTE: All of our services are livestreamed publicly. If you do not wish to have yourself or your loved ones on camera, please see Pastor Laura.*



Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for Coffee Hour! We welcome all who have come this morning to worship, especially newcomers and visitors among us. Everyone is invited to come to Coffee Hour for refreshments and conversation immediately following the service in our Social Hall by exiting the front of the Sanctuary and proceeding to the door through the breezeway. The restrooms are located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask everyone to silence their cell phones during the service and note that there are emergency exits in the rear and front right of the Sanctuary. May God bless us all as we gather for worship and fellowship together.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Pray for me to feel home ♥;Shela Waldron; the friends and family of Mateo Kaufman Sandler; Vincenzo Lamanginne's mother Angela and brother Mike, rest their souls; prayers to the mother of Shirley Hooper; Ruth Howard; George Drossinos; Laurie Kelly; Alex and Luci Parrish; Blair Conley; Jaimie Bass; Rev. Tanya Lynn Bennett; Greg K.; Patricia Williams, mother of Dr. John Williams; Dadi Hove; Harry Conway; Kitty - recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer; Beverly Alexis; Emily LaJeunesse; the family, friends, and classmates of Dylan Faulkner

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 15th:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumental Rehearsal
9:15am-10:15am Social Skills Group (Chapel)
9:30am-10:00am Chancel Choir
10:00am-10:20am Bell Choir
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:45am-12:15pm Singing Believers Family Choir
1:00pm-7:00pm RAD Theatricals (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, February 16th: PRESIDENTS' DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm-8:15pm Caregivers Support Group (Library)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Rm., Social Hall)

Tuesday, February 17th:

9:30am-11:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Wednesday, February 18th:

7:00pm-8:00pm Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)

Friday, February 20th:

9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
11:00am-12:00pm YogaFaith (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, February 21st:

8:30am-4:00pm Pinewood Derby (Social Hall)
9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Chapel)
12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir
1:00pm-1:30pm Contemporary Ensemble
1:30pm-2:00pm Bell Choir
2:00pm-3:00pm Instrumental Rehearsal
2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
2:30pm-3:30pm Liturgical Dance

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ash Wednesday Service **February 18th, 7PM** **Reeves Chapel**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent: a season of prayer, reflection, and return. As we receive ashes and hear the ancient words, "*Remember that*

you are dust," we begin a six-week journey through Scripture asking a simple but profound question: *Where does God choose to dwell?* From dust and wilderness to tent and temple, to lives shaped by love and mercy, Lent invites us to trace the movement of God's presence and to consider what it means for our own lives today. Join us for Ash Wednesday worship as we begin this journey together.

Lent Weds. Night **Worship and** **Soup Suppers** **2/25-3/25** **Services 6:30PM** **in Reeves Chapel** **Soup Suppers** **7PM Social Hall**

Join us on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent for a simple,

meaningful rhythm of worship and table fellowship. We will gather for a brief Lenten worship service at 6:30 PM, followed by a soup supper at 7:00 PM. These evenings are designed to be accessible and grounding with a time for prayer, Scripture, shared food, and gentle conversation as we journey through the Lenten series "*From Dust to Dwelling*". Come for worship, stay for soup, or join us when you're able. All are welcome.



We are also looking for some awesome Soup Chefs to volunteer for our Soup Suppers. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall if you can help out! Each week we need one person to cook soup, one person to prep salad, and one person to bring in bread. Thank you in advance!

"Come to the Table" Small Group, Sundays after Church

Every Sunday there will be an extra table set up during Coffee Hour for those who want to dig deeper into God's Word. We are calling this small group "Come to the Table" and you can grab some refreshments and join in conversation and



fellowship about the day's Scripture readings and sermon topics. This is a "self-led" group. There is no sign-up or commitment to join this group, just COME TO THE TABLE! All are welcome.



NEW! Caregivers Support Group

Mondays – A new Caregivers Support Group is meeting weekly on Monday evenings in the Library from 7:00–8:15 p.m. This group will offer a warm, confidential space for caregivers to support one another, share both encouraging stories and the moments

when we struggle, and exchange helpful resources for the journey. Led by Dr. Alison Johnson, this group is part of Summit UMC's Mental Health Ministry, dedicated to fostering connection, resilience, and hope within our community. All caregivers are welcome.



Easter Egg Hunt Collection

We are excited to start collecting Easter eggs and allergy-friendly items to fill the eggs for our 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Donations can be dropped off from Feb. 15 to March 22. You can place your items in the Easter baskets located in the Social Hall and the Sanctuary. Thank you for helping us make this event fun and safe for all of our young participants!



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MUSIC MINISTRY



Come and share your musical gifts and enrich your faith with your Church Family!

Chancel Choir

It is a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise. Our Chancel Choir rehearses on Saturdays at 12:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in preparation for worship. Come before His presence with singing and sing joyful songs to the Lord! The Chancel Choir shares an anthem each Sunday as well as leading the congregation in song. Come and share the inspiration of singing with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Bell Choir

Calling all bell ringers!! Making a joyful sound is the mission of our Bell Choir. Come and ring Handbells and Handchimes with your church friends. Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 1:30 and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Come and ring with our Church Family.

Singing Believers Family Choir

All children, youth and adults are invited to sing the songs of the church. Let us share the light of Christ through music. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 11:45 a.m. in the Music Room. Come and share the joyous songs of Christ's church.

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble shares music for Holy Communion each month. The ensemble prepares music from the contemporary hymnal "Worship and Song". Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 1:00 and on Communion Sundays at 9:15 a.m. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome to praise and make music to the Lord during the sacred time of the Lord's Supper.

With much love,

JoAnne Teubner Prussak
Director of Music

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