

## THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

### SILENT MEDITATION

“Christ did not enchant men; he demanded that they believe in him: except on one occasion, the Transfiguration. For a brief while, Peter, James and John were permitted to see him in his glory. For that brief while they had no need of faith. The vision vanished, and the memory of it did not prevent them from all forsaking him when he was arrested, or Peter from denying that he had ever known him.” W. H. Auden

### GREETINGS AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign Attendance Pad)

**PRELUDE** *Mediation on Beautiful Savior* arr. C. Moglebust  
(Carillon Choir)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Renea Schomer

Leader: God said, “This is my Son, the Beloved.”

**People: Let us worship you, O beloved God.**

Leader: God said, “Listen!”

**People: We want to hear your word anew this day.**

Leader: God said, “Do not be afraid.”

**People: We lay our worries at your feet.**

Leader: And after all this was spoken, God was quiet.

**People: Still our souls, quiet our minds, and prepare us to be transformed, holy God.**

+\*HYMN #192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

+\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

**Lord God, we come before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there were no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to you. For these things we ask your forgiveness, and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to you in our world. Remind us to be who you would have us be regardless of what we are doing or who we are with. Hold us to you and build our relationship with you and with others. Amen.**

## Announcements

**Memorial Easter Lilies:** It’s time to order your Memorial Easter Lilies. Please see today’s insert form for more information. Forms are due no later than March 19th.

**New Life Group:** Starting Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> we will have an additional Life Group starting up that will meet Sundays from 11:30 – 12:30 after church. This group will allow you to socialize and have coffee before the group begins, but not too late so you can go to lunch with your family. We will meet in the Parlor. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex to get an idea of who is interested and how many may attend. This group will be led by John Lahl. Our first six weeks the topic will be based upon the book CREED by Adam Hamilton people may be interested in reading along (they should contact Rev. Mark for this book).

**Congregational Meeting:** Please join us after the Worship Service this morning for our annual Congregational Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to stay, read the report, and participate as appropriate. Come find out what has been going on during the year!

**Ash Wednesday Service:** March 1<sup>st</sup> is Ash Wednesday. Service will begin at 7:00 PM.

**Movie Matinee:** The New Wilmington Mission Conference Youth will be hosting a movie matinee in the Gym following the service on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Lenten Study – The Apostle’s Creed

During Lent, Rev. Mark will conduct a 6-week study on the Apostle’s Creed using Adam Hamilton’s book called, “*Creed*.” There will be two study groups offered:

Mon Evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parlor March 6 – April 10

Fri Mornings at 10:00 AM in the Parlor March 3 – April 7

Sign-up sheet in Narthex and Church Office.

**Season of Justice Weekend:** The Hunger Action Network, the Self Development of People and the Race Action Network of the Presbytery of Western Reserve is sponsoring a four day workshop called a **Season of Justice** this March 24. We will gather on various days at our four downtown churches and focus on racial issues and our ministry as a church. There will be several featured speakers from our national denomination offices, including Alonzo Johnson and Mark Koenig and possibly one of our Co-Moderators of the General Assembly. Please see Rev. Mark if you would like to attend any of these events. The details of the weekend’s schedule can be found in the March edition of Tidings.

“Tidings” for March are available in the usual places or online.

## Calendar of the Week

### Sunday, February 26 Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 AM – Worship Service  
11:00 AM – Annual Congregational Meeting  
11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Choir Room

### Monday, February 27

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library  
7:00 PM – Life Groups – Parlor

### Tuesday, February 28

8:30AM – Men’s Bowling - Brookgate Lanes  
7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – Multi-Purpose Room

### Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday

9:30AM – Senior Exercise Class – Library  
10:00 AM – Life Groups – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf. Room  
10:30 AM – Al-Anon – MPR  
**7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service**

### Thursday, March 2

8:30 AM – Men’s Bowling – Brookgate Lanes  
6:00 PM – Carillon Choir – Bell Choir Room  
7:00 PM – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary  
7:00 PM – Boys Basketball Practice – Gym

### Friday, March 3

10:00 AM – Lenten Study: The Apostle’s Creed - Parlor

### Saturday, March 4

9:00 AM – Men’s Square – Pappou’s Restaurant

### Sunday, March 5

10:00 AM – Worship Service  
11:00 AM – Coffee Hour  
11:00 AM – NWMC Youth Movie Matinee - Gym  
11:00 AM – JuBELLation Choir – Bell Choir Room

## CHILDREN’S CHAT

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Sentence  
Offertory *Sing Praise to the Lord* arr. H. Hopson  
\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\***HYMN #191** *We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 17:1-13 N.T. 18

**SERMON** “In the Blink of an Eye”

\***HYMN #274** *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**  
*Go, My Children, with My Blessing* GTG 547  
Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

**POSTLUDE** *Before the Throne of God Above* C.L. Bancroft

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**Ushers:** Dwain Best, John Csuti, Darlene and Fred Ells,  
Gina Hansen, Jim and Linda Topor

**The Sanctuary Flowers are placed In Loving Memory of:**

*Dolly Salisbury* by Richard and Helen Salisbury

**The Memorial Carillon** is played this week in memory of:

Jack E. McCuff

## “In The Blink of an Eye” February 26, 2017 Matthew 17:1-13 Life Group Study Guide

### Notes from Worship Service

1. Most of the time our spiritual journey is kind of routine, but every now and then we ascend these mountains, have interesting views and encounters and then head back into the routines of life with a glimpse of something more.
2. The Transfiguration is important to us because it helps us understand Jesus, our own calling and how God works in our lives better.
3. I believe we all have a built in spiritual search engine. There are times in our lives when we need some extra assurance, information and understanding.
4. There are moments when God breaks through and we experience his presence in a deeper way. We are given a bit of wisdom, insight, new direction, encouragement and sense of peace.
5. The descending part of our spiritual journey is important because it is the debrief time; the application of what was learned and preparation to reengage.

### Life Group Homework

1. What insight, principle or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. What are some ways you have experienced the presence of God? What was the result of that encounter?
3. Three parts of the spiritual journey are ascending, encounter and descending. Which do you find yourself in at the moment?

### Read Matthew 17:1-13

4. Why do you think Moses and Elijah are the ones to appear to Jesus?
5. What reason does Jesus want the disciples to keep this encounter secret for a time?
6. How might we open ourselves to God’s presence this week?

**Life Practice – Write down the ways you encounter God this week. Take some time to debrief and think about what God is saying to you.**

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*Changing lives through Christ*



**February 26, 2017**

## **2017 Theme Verse**

“But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.” – Isaiah 40:31

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## Easter is Sunday, April 16, 2017



As we prepare for Lent and Easter, we think of Christ's death on the cross and the resurrection. There is a sense of renewing and rebirth. Spring flowers, such as the lily, remind us of this time through the shape of the flower – it is said that before fully opening, lilies take on the shape of a trumpet, likening to God the Father calling his Son Jesus home. White lilies indicate purity and freedom from sin through Jesus' death on the cross.

**If you would like to order an Easter Lily, the cost will be \$10 per plant.  
Orders are due by March 19, 2017**

Lilies may be picked up after the worship service on Sunday, April 16th

**OR** on Tuesday, April 18th during the church office hours of 9 AM – 3 PM.

Plants not picked up by 3 PM Tuesday, April 18th will be delivered to our Shut-Ins. *The building will be closed for Easter Monday, April 17th.*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Easter Lilies ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10 per plant)

Will you pick up your Lily/Lilies? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORIAL(S): *From:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In loving memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Those who are able, please stand

+Appropriate time for the Ushers to seat latecomers