

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
February 11, 2024 Transfiguration Sunday

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

*A Time of Praise*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: God calls us to the mountaintop.*

**PEOPLE: We come to worship you, O God.**

*Leader: Christ invites us to the place where the Spirit's presence is revealed in power and glory.*

**PEOPLE: We come to glorify you, O God.**

*Leader: The Spirit offers us a revelation of the Living Lord.*

**PEOPLE: As we worship this day, open our eyes to your presence, O God, and transfigure our lives to mirror Jesus!**

\*OPENING HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* # 103

UNISON PRAYER God, open our eyes to experience your glory, we pray to you this morning. Lift us up on your wings of love, and guide us with your wisdom and truth. Empower us to be your people so that our lives, like that of Jesus, may be transformed and transfigured to share your love and grace. In the name of the holy and living One, we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 50 # 783

*Act of Confession and Pardon*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Merciful God, we would rather envision you in our own image, than catch a glimpse of you in your splendor and glory; we would rather imagine ourselves as the center of the universe, than allow your vision to show us things as they truly are. Forgive us, O God, when we shut our eyes to your self-revelation and insist that you look and behave just like us. Help us, Holy One, to see you – and ourselves – as we really are. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, Amen.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Leader: God brings light to the hidden areas of our lives and offers forgiveness to those who seek it. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.*

**PEOPLE: Christ's light shines in the darkness, illuminating the glory and splendor of God, who loves us always. Thanks be to God.**

*Hearing God's Word*

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Kings 2.1-12 (pg. 332)

CHORAL ANTHEM

EPISTLE READING 2 Corinthians 4.3-6 (pg. 180)

GOSPEL READING Mark 9.2-9 (pg. 44)

SERMON *Living in the Light*

\*HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* # 173

## *Responding To God's Word*

### A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer  
Prayer for Transfiguration Sunday # 259  
The Lord's Prayer # 895  
Choral Prayer Response

### RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory  
\*Doxology # 95  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* # 251

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WORDS OF BENEDICTION

*Leader: For the Word of God that transfigures and empowers,*

**PEOPLE: For the Word of God that now lives in our hearts.**

*Leader: For the mountaintop experiences that change us,*

**PEOPLE: We give God thanks and praise as we go forth into a new week.**

### BENEDICTION IN SONG

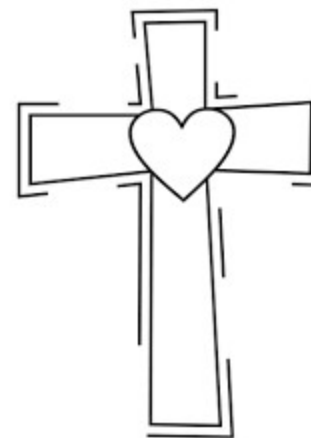
*Sent Forth By God's Blessing (vs 2)* # 664

### \*POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

Trudy Duval, Lay Reader  
Verne Smith, Video Production Manager  
Debbie Greim, Organist and Choir Director  
Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor

*Boldly Caring for our  
Community*



*Grounded in God's Love*

Lisbon United Methodist Church  
welcomes, nurtures, and serves  
all people  
with the love of Christ.