



A BRIGHT CLOUD
COVERED THEM,
AND A VOICE FROM
THE CLOUD SAID...

"THIS IS MY SON,
WHOM I LOVE;
WITH HIM I AM WELL PLEASSED
LISTEN TO HIM!"

MATTHEW 17:5 NIV

February 11, 2024

Transfiguration Sunday

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

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We Gather

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Threshold Moment

Call to Worship

Leader: The mighty one, the Lord our God, speaks to and summons the earth – from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Out of Zion appears perfection. God shines forth in Jesus Christ.

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

People: And yet, God's glory shows up anyway.

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

People: And yet, God called them and calls us down from the mountain, and back to work.

Leader: So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, and yet, we are all called together to worship, prepare, and be led out into the world to make a difference.

People: God, may we perceive your glory all around us. Point us in the direction you want us to go. Amen.

We Praise God

*Hymn #64

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Reception of Members

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we do not fully trust You. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.

You have offered us a more extravagant love than anything we could experience in this world. Yet, we often refuse to receive it. We do not hold on to it. We look to our own means for assurance and security.

Forgive us. Call us back to You and help us put our trust completely in You and not be afraid. May we hear your words so clearly, as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration, that we rise up unafraid. In the name of Jesus, who loves us and offers us a way to forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

"It is Well"

arr. Lanier
Raechel Dunne, Diane Gordon, Dianne Prieditis

*Doxology # 95

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, as we remember the story of Christ's transfiguration, we stand in awe of the glimpse of your glory revealed on that 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 our gifts reflect the warming light of your love in all 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 glorious light to the world—a world in need. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

We Share the Word

A Reading from the Old Testament

2 Kings 2:1-12

Special Music

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

arr. Lanier

Raechel Dunne, Diane Gordon, Dianne Prieditis

A Reading from the Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Sermon

"Left Standing"

Pastor Lou

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Contemporary)

We Respond to the Word

*Final Hymn #103

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

We are Sent Forth

*Benediction

**Loving God, we ask that You create breakthroughs,
open doors, direct, and inspire us as we follow Jesus' way:
receiving and offering abundant hope and love in our lives,
our church, our community, and Your world.
May Your will be done. Amen.**

*Chimes & Parting Music

**Please stand as you are able*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty
Hymn #64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Doxology
Hymn #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

2 Kings 2:1-12 (NRSVUE)

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴ Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰ He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Lord’s Prayer (Contemporary)

Our Creator in heaven, holy is your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Hymn #103

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

This Week's Calendar

SUNDAY **February 11, 2024**

- 9:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:45 AM “Celebrate Wonder” Sunday School – Lower Level, Room 8
- 10:30 AM Potluck – Wiltse Center
- 10:45 AM Faith Linked – Ryder Lounge

MONDAY **February 12, 2024**

- 9:30 AM Knitters – Panera, Grand Haven
- 11:00 – 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 1:00 PM “Life After Loss” grief support – Ryder Lounge
- 1:00 – 6:00 PM Piano Lessons – Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM Ephesians Study – ZOOM
- 6:00 PM Dunesmen – Ryder Lounge
- 6:00 PM Quilt Guild – Wiltse Center

TUESDAY **February 13, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Pastor Lou's Office Hours
- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:00 AM “Preparing My Heart” Study – Room 2
- 11:00 - 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting – Ryder Lounge
- 1:00 PM Esther Circle – Ryder Lounge
- 5:30 PM READ Training – Room 2
- 7:00 PM Trustees – Ryder Lounge

WEDNESDAY **February 14, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 9:00 - 10:00 AM Ashes/Communion - Sanctuary
- 11:00 - 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 5:15 PM Supper - Wiltse Center
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM Ashes/Communion– Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir – Choir Loft

THURSDAY **February 15, 2024**

- 9:00 - 11:00 AM Open Pickleball – Wiltse Center
- 10:30 AM Community Senior Choir - Sanctuary
- 11:00 - 3:00 PM Private Lessons – Wiltse Center
- 6:00 PM “The God We Can Know” Study – Ryder Lounge
- 5:00 – 6:00 PM Piano Lessons - Sanctuary

FRIDAY **February 16, 2024**

- Office Closed
- 11:00 - 3:00 PM Private Lessons

SATURDAY **February 17, 2024**

No Scheduled Activities

United Methodist Church of the Dunes
Upcoming Events and Activities

TODAY! POTLUCK – AFTER WORSHIP

Everyone is invited to come to the potluck after worship in the Wiltse Center fellowship area. Didn't have a chance to bring something? Please come anyway. There is always plenty of food and fun.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – FEBRUARY 12, 1:00 PM

"Life after Loss" is a free ongoing grief support group led by a bereavement professional from North Ottawa Community Hospice. Meetings are held in the Ryder Lounge at church and are open to anyone dealing with a death-related loss.

DUNESMEN UNITED METHODIST MEN MEAL & MEETING – FEBRUARY 12, 6:00 PM

All men are invited for a meal, meeting, and fellowship in the Ryder Lounge at church (main floor). If possible, contact Bruce Bishop ahead of time to let him know you plan to attend. That helps organizers know how much food to have ready. For assistance connecting with Bruce, contact the church office.

CHAIR YOGA CLASSES PAUSED

Monday evening and Thursday morning chair-supported yoga classes are paused for the remainder of February. Please watch for updates about when classes will resume.

FUN AT URBAN AIR INDOOR ADVENTURE PARK IN HOLLAND – FEBRUARY 18, 1:00 PM

Family Ministries is hosting at Urban Air indoor trampoline and adventure park from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. There is no cost to participate, advanced sign-up is needed, and pizza is included. Contact the church office or Crystal, Director of Family Ministries.

ROMEOS BREAKFAST AT RUSS' – FEBRUARY 20, 8:30 AM

ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out) meet for breakfast at Russ' Restaurant in Grand Haven on the third Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. All men, retired or not, are welcome.

TULIP BULB SALE – FEBRUARY 25, AFTER WORSHIP

Finishing Well Ministry (55+) will be selling tulip bulbs at coffee fellowship time (after worship) as a fundraiser on the Wiltse Center fellowship area. In addition, there will be information about how to "force" tulips to grow early, indoors.

GRANTS FOR EDUCATION – APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 28

Twice each year, the Memorial Fund Committee awards one-time education grants to successful applicants. Members and staff of Church of the Dunes, and children and grandchildren of members who have a connection to the church may apply. Details are available at www.umcdunes.org/serve.

PRAYING FOR MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY STAFF

Would you like to join with others around the world praying for United Methodist missionaries and staff? There is a weekly prayer list on the bulletin board across the hall from the church office. You could take a picture of the list with your phone or take one of the extra printed copies posted there.

NEW ART EXHIBIT IN THE RYDER LOUNGE – GOING ON NOW

There is an inspirational new art exhibit in the Ryder Lounge, featuring the work of Church of the Dunes member and artist Jodie Freeman. The lounge is located just outside the sanctuary, on the main floor. When this space is not in use for a class or meeting, please stop in and take a look.

LENT STUDIES BEGIN THIS WEEK

“Preparing My Heart for Easter” by Ann Marie Stewart, begins February 13
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m., 7 weeks, Room 2 (lower level), Cathy Shick, facilitator

Learn more about the women who followed Jesus during his life and death. By focusing on these women, we will see how he changed the future for all women. Books are \$12 and are available at coffee fellowship time today.

“The God We Can Know” by Rob Fuquay, begins February 15

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m., 7 weeks, Ryder Lounge (main floor), Ruth Woodward, facilitator

This study explores the "I Am" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Books are \$8 and will be available from the facilitator.

Sign-up sheets are on the Adult Ministries bulletin board, located near the church office. If you prefer, contact the facilitator to sign up.

All are Welcome

The United Methodist Church of the Dunes aspires to love as Jesus loved.

We open our hearts, minds, and doors to all.

This congregation invites persons of all races, sexual orientations and gender identities, ages, abilities, and socio-economic status to participate fully in all aspects of the Christian life.

Sundays at Church of the Dunes

Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

For a link to the recorded livestream, visit www.umcdunes.org/worship.

Nursery – available during 9:30 a.m. worship

It is located a short distance down the hall from the worship space.

Sunday School for Children – Hosanna classroom (room 8), lower level

The pastor will dismiss students to Sunday school from worship after the Children's Time.

Coffee Fellowship – 10:30 a.m. Wiltse Center fellowship area

Please stop by for fresh coffee and delicious refreshments.

Faith Linked – 10:45 a.m. – Ryder Lounge

Discussion of topics and current events from a faith-focused perspective. Open to all adults.

Notes from the Church Office

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or by appointment.

Church of the Dunes would like to stay connected with you and to be supportive of you and your loved ones. If your contact information has changed, please let the church office know. If you or a family member is hospitalized, going to be having surgery, or is homebound and would like a visit, please let us know. Let us know, as well, if you have experienced a death in your family.

Praises and Prayers

FLOWERS THIS MORNING are from Tom Alguire in memory of Mary Kay's birthday.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY TODAY: Michele Dunlap

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

February 12	Kathy DeBone, Thomas Laughlin
February 15	Alice Furst, Richard Minuth
February 16	Georgia Heckaman, Susan Wierda
February 17	Darlene Ogle, Sandee Klop

Giving and Attendance

<u>Date/Week Of</u>	<u>Offerings Received</u>	<u>Weekly Average Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Weekly Budgeted</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
February 4	\$6,335	\$9,253	\$8,830	104.8

To give by mail, please send offering to United Methodist Church of the Dunes, 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven, MI 49417. To give online, visit <https://umcdunes.org/give/>.

February 4, 2024

Total attendance	212.5
In person	154
Online	39 (x1.5 = 58.5)

Since one view may include more than one person viewing together, the Michigan Conference of the UMC recommends multiplying the number of views by 1.5 to estimate total online attendance.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS: On regular school days, when Grand Haven Area Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions, Church of the Dunes is closed, and all activities are canceled. On non-school days, the pastor determines if activities are canceled. Cancellation information is posted on the church's Facebook page. To find it, log in to Facebook and search for Church of the Dunes. In addition, church staff will provide closing information to WoodTV 8.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Robert Mann
Acolyte: Emma English
Music: Rachel Dunne, Diane Gordon, Dianne Prieditis, Marna Jeffery
Technology: Blair Miller, ArSarNi Grettenberger
Greeters: Shirley Staehlin
Welcome Center: Dolores Quackenbush
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Rich Cole, Pam & Dale Zurakowski, Betty & Rob Roberts
Coffee Hour: Potluck

Next Week – February 18

Liturgist: Jan Lipfert
Acolyte: Brody Kurburski
Music: Chancel Choir, Marna Jeffery
Technology: Trevor Larkins
Greeters: Tom & Diane Gordon
Welcome Center: Ruth Hanson
Ushers: Sam Easterly, Ruth Woodward, Neal Miller, Ron and Tim Kurburski
Coffee Hour: Susan & Doug Thorpe, Sherry Baker

Church of the Dunes is a family of faith which seeks to:
grow in God's grace and love
challenge and equip all members to be faithful disciples
share the Good News
demonstrate and reflect the love of God



Church office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Lou directly on his cellphone at 231-883-9806.