



TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

MARCH 2, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* (ARR. BURKHARDT)

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALTER ~ PSALM 99 UMH 819

✠ HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UMH 154

✠ THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* (HOPSON)

✠ DOXOLOGY

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HYMN *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* UMH 173

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word today. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE *Luke 9:28-36*

SERMON *The Room Where It Happens*

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Glory be to God. Amen.

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✠ HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christian People, Raise Your Song

(ARR. BIERY)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters :

8:30 Phyllis Helms

11:00 Trish Sutley

Communion Servers:

8:30

Phyllis & Craig Helms

Mary & John Hodgkins

11:00

Katie Robertson

Preacher:

Rev. Michael Precht

Liturgist:

Gene Lammers

Ushers:

8:30 Penn White, Mark Woodrow

11:00 Mark Woodrow

Chancel Choir

Director, Tom Hood

Accompanist, Vicki Wright

Flute, Natalie Woodrow

Media:

Toby Monckton

Hackett Robertson

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THE GATHERING

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY*

MARCH 2, 2025 11:00AM AT FAIRHOPE UMC

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Preacher: Rev. Laura Parker

Acolytes: Savannah Bell

Media and Sound: Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour, Nellie Meyers

Communion Servers: Sidney Carol & Miles Barnhardt, Shelly & Rick Fitzhugh, Marie Green,
Dr. Ann Pearson, Katie & Lee Turner

Usher: Charles Searce

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. Transfiguration Sunday is the high point of "Ordinary Time." The Transfiguration is our glimpse of how glorious the world will be when God's will has become "ordinary," when all the world is aligned with God's love.*

OPENING SONG

Build My Life

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 99

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Who You Say I Am

Waymaker

Lord, I Need You

SCRIPTURE

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THANKSGIVING

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SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP[†]

BENEDICTION

[†]You do not have to be a member of this church, or of any, to receive from Christ's table. We welcome all who desire to meet Christ in this meal where he has promised to meet us.

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