

# THE LITTLE FALLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 19, 2012 +++ Transfiguration Sunday +++ 10:00 a.m.

**Everyone is welcome at Little Falls UMC.**

*Please silence all cell phones.*

*Once the music begins, worshippers are encouraged to use this time of silent prayer to center hearts and minds upon God. After the service, take a moment to get to know others who are worshipping around you, and then please join us for food and fellowship upstairs.*

**Abbreviations Key:** †If able, please stand where indicated.

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal; FWS *The Faith We Sing* Songbook

## CALLED TO PRAISE

**Prelude**

*Voluntary*

John Garth

### **Bringing God's Light into the Sanctuary**

**Prayer Cards** *(If you have a prayer concern that you'd like the Pastor to lift up publicly in today's worship service, please print the information on a prayer card and give it to the ushers. The ushers will collect your prayer card during the Opening Hymn and it will be read during the "Prayers of the People.")*

### **Our Life Together: Announcements, Birthdays, & Anniversaries**

**†Call to Worship** *(adapted from UMH 259)*

Leader: Holy God, upon the mountain, You revealed our Messiah. And later, by His death and resurrection, he fulfilled both the law and the prophets, freeing us from slavery to sin and death.

**ALL: Today, as we recall His transfiguration, enlighten our paths so that we might renew our vows to follow Him more closely.**

Leader: As we draw near the Lenten Season, remind us once more of our calling—a divine calling that seeks to serve all humanity through the power of Christ's matchless love and amazing grace.

**ALL: It is in and through the power of Jesus' name, that we have gathered to give thanks, to worship, and to sing our praises!**

**†Opening Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UMH 154  
(Verses 1 – 4)

**Children's Message** Pastor Don  
*(After the Children's Message, children are dismissed for Sunday School.)*

**Prayer Hymn** *Spirit Song* UMH 347

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his Love.

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove

Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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### **Prayers of the People**

Leader: Lord, with heads and hearts bowed before you, we ask once more for mercy and healing. Where there is distress, fear, and worry, we ask for your calming and powerful presence.

**ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Leader: Equip us, we pray, to go out into the world and truly be of help to others who need us. Give us courage. Give us strength. And most of all, give us an abundance of love and compassion, so that we might change things for the better in the name of the Beloved Son of God.

**ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

Pastor: *(Sharing today's prayer cards and prayer list.)*

### **Pausing for Silent Prayer, Confession, & The Lord's Prayer:**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: Our debt has been paid in full through the loving sacrifice of Christ our Lord. Rejoice in the blessed assurance that your sins are forgiven!

**ALL: You too, are forgiven! Thanks be to God, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Baptismal Covenant** Chloe Elizabeth Ash (Please see insert.)

Hymn of Preparation before Baptism: *Come, Be Baptized* FWS 2252

Hymn of Celebration after Baptism: *I Was There to Hear...* FWS 2051

**Choir Anthem** *Come and Find the Quiet Center* Anne K Organ

## CALLED TO THE WORD

**Old Testament Lesson** Exodus 24:12-18 *(See insert.)*

**†Gospel Lesson** Matthew 17:1-9 *(Please stand, if able.)*

**Message** "As Much as a Hand Can Hold" Rev. Don Mitchell

**Reflective Hymn** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* UMH 474

*(If desired, please come forward to the Communion rail to pray as the congregation sings today's reflective hymn.)*

## CALLED TO SHARE

**Response to Our Generous God** (Ushers come forward.)

**Offertory** Duke Street Mark Albright

‡**Doxology** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### ‡**Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor: Great Gift-giver, as we prepare ourselves once again for the holy season of Lent, we return this portion of our resources to You out of love and thanksgiving.

**ALL: In Jesus’ name, we dedicate our gifts and our lives to God’s way and God’s will, both now and forevermore. Amen.**

## CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

‡**Closing Hymn** Shine, Jesus, Shine FWS 2173

‡**Benediction and Taking God’s Light into the World**

‡**Postlude** Fanfare on Duke Street Allan Mahnke

### The Worship Team this Sunday

**Pastor** – Rev. Don Mitchell

**Director of Music Ministries** – Paul Erickson

**Liturgist** – Doug Bolton

**Acolyte** – Max Klum

**Greeter** – Janet Youngster

**Ushers** – John Nix, Susan Long, Kathy Flannagan, & Tom Passante

**Fellowship Food and Altar Flowers** are given by Tom and Melissa Ash in celebration of Chloe’s baptism.

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*The Transfiguration of Christ*

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So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said: “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for 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 people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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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 make three dwellings here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’

While Peter was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice 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 looked up, 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.’

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