

**February 19, 2023**  
**Transfiguration Sunday**

**Order of Worship**

Opening Music Nancy Plote, Organist

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Jeremiah

Prelude Music

Lighting of the Altar Candles Acolyte

Choir Introit **“O How He Loves You and Me”** Chancel Choir

Call to Worship *(inspired by Mark 9:2-9, Matthew 17:1-9)* Ruth Hueber, Liturgist

**All:** God, we come to the mountaintop to be covered in your presence. We are comforted by your holiness and your glow; we are comforted by the hope of the mountain top, where you are so close, so accessible, where there is no doubt of your glory. The mountain top reminds us why we worship you. We witness your bright power, and your plan for the nations of the earth. As we prepare for worship, God, bring us to the mountain top; bring us to the mountain top so that we may be inspired to do your work in the valley below.

*General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of the United Methodist Church.*

\*Opening Hymn **“Come, Christians Join to Sing”** UMH#158

Prayer of Confession Liturgist

**All:** Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel, God with us, the Word becomes flesh. We come today knowing that we have not lived up to your calling, nor what we seek to be. We have let our temper get the best of us, we have caused harm, we have not spoken or written with honesty, we have ignored the suffering of those around us. Christ, we know you understand for you know what human flesh feels like and what human life is like. We come asking forgiveness. We also come seeking to repent, to change how we live, to live more in accordance with your teachings, to love all those around us. Please forgive us and help us listen to the Holy Spirit, so that we may change how we live and love better. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

\*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.

Choir Anthem

“I’ve Got to Raise a Song of Praise”

Chancel Choir

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn of Preparation

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

UMH#185

Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Liturgist

Sermon

Filled with Light

Pastor Jeremiah

\*Closing Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory “

UMH#577

\*Benediction & Blessing

\*Parting Hymn

“God Be with You till We Meet Again” (Vs. 1)

UMH#672

\*As the Light of Christ is Carried Out

Acolyte

\*Go in Peace & Love to Serve God and Neighbor

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## CHURCH CALENDAR – February 2023

Sunday, February 19

Transfiguration Sunday

Adult Sunday School after Fellowship

Monday, February 20

Food for the Soul 6:30 p.m.

(Growing healthy foods for our families)

Wednesday Feb. 22

ASH WEDNESDAY Joint Service with Esmond UMC –

7pm Worship with Communion

Sunday, February 26

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Lenten Bible Study “Luke” Begins after Fellowship

Children’s Sunday School 4:00 p.m.

**Greeter for this Sunday, February 19**  
**Greeter for NEXT Sunday, February 26**

**Shirley Kyler**  
**Harry & Marilyn Berg**

**Coffee Hour this Sunday, February 19**  
**Coffee Hour NEXT Sunday, February 20**

**Jodi Slade**  
**Denice McArtor**

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On the table in the Narthex are copies of the School Supply list for Malta Elementary School kids, copies of the Midwest Mission “Top Needs” Supply list, **January/February** Upper Rooms, and **February** Newsletter.

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**HELP MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER URGENT NEEDS!**

Liquid Laundry Detergent 32-64 oz. - Colored Pencil - 12 Pack - Liquid Household Cleaner 16-40 Oz. - Scissors - Student Size - Liquid Dish Soap 14-32 Oz. - Bleached Lumber to make desks - Blankets – Can be gently used - Rulers 12” long with metric - Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger The Midwest Mission Distribution Center will also accept any MMDC Kits, treadle sewing machines, gently used tools, new or slightly used medical supplies and equipment. They will also accept a financial contribution. Send checks to Midwest Mission Distribution Center at 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558. Check out their web page: [umcnic.org/2022MissionChallenge](http://umcnic.org/2022MissionChallenge)

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**“CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND”** If you wish to contribute to the Capital Improvement Fund, please mark your check accordingly and send your donations to Nancy Plote, 411 S. Malta Rd, Malta, IL 60150

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**SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRY (IS IN NEED OF FOOD)!** You are welcome to bring Non-Perishable food anytime throughout the year for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Place it in the box in the narthex marked “FOOD PANTRY”. The Salvation Army appreciates all you give.

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**HELPING OUR KIDS at Malta Elementary School** The school supplies needed are: boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors (for younger and older children), and boxes of regular colored markers (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors). Also, a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves, or mittens would be wonderful (hand- made mittens and hats are also okay, as long as they are new.)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Wednesday, Feb. 22 **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**7PM Worship Service with Communion**

Sunday, Feb. 26 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 12 Daylight Savings Time  
 Begins

Sunday, March 19 **SPECIAL OFFERING -**  
**UMCOR**

Sunday, April 2 **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

April 3 – April 8 – HOLY WEEK

Thursday, April 6 – **MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**Cluster Worship Service at Rochelle UMC**  
**7PM with Communion**

Friday, April 7 – **GOOD FRIDAY**  
**Worship Service combined with Esmond**  
**UMC at 7:00 p.m. at Malta UMC**

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – **EASTER SERVICE 9AM**  
**BREAKFAST – 7:30-8:30 A.M.**



01	Wilbur Watson
02	Jay Hunt
03	Madison Hunt
04	Amy Spychal
05	Ken Slade
07	Evelyn Luoma (106 years old)
08	Dorothy Weaver
10	Rachel Hill, Marilyn Berg
16	Owen Fucilla
24	Sue Augustine
25	Alice Pileski
26	Amy Engstrom Joan Tucker, Custodian
27	Jeanette Gommel