

Words to Ponder: *"Every once and so often, something so touching, so incandescent, so alive transfigures the human face that it's almost beyond bearing."*
(Frederick Buechner, "Transfiguration")

Gathering Music "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" **Hymns of Grace**

Words of Welcome | ***Passing the Peace** **Rev. Ann Hayman**

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 50:1-6) **Deacon Sheila Dozier**
God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.
God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.
The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.

***Opening Hymn** **"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"** **PH #482**

Call to Confession **Deacon Sheila Dozier**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now. Amen.

Words of Assurance (John 5:1-18)

"Stand up, take your mat and walk." Jesus says to the crippled man he has healed. We, too, are healed. Transformed by Christ's redemption, let us get up and walk together.
Thanks be to God.

Time with Children **"Just Imagine!"** **Rev. Ann Hayman**

Anthem **"There Is a Balm in Gilead"** **Elder Dennis Dozier**

Prayer of Illumination **Deacon Sheila Dozier**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 International Children's Bible

Sermon

**“Keeping Silent”
Mark 9:2-9**

Rev. Ann Hayman

Words of Faith (1 Timothy 3:16)

**Great indeed, we confess,
is the mystery of our religion:
Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
preached among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.**

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Ann Hayman

The Offering

For the next few weeks, as an experiment, there will be an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. You are invited to place your pledge or donation in the plate upon arriving at or when leaving worship. At this time in the service we will proclaim our grace with an offertory, the singing of the Doxology and a Prayer of Dedication.

Offertory | *Doxology “I Surrender All” Elder Dennis Dozier

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Deacon Sheila Dozier

Announcements

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***Closing Hymn**

“Guide My Feet”

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***Benediction** (Isaiah 40:31)

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May our eyes be open to the ways the Almighty reveals the divine. It may not be as grand as the Transfiguration, but it is there: in the whiteness of snow, in the love of animals, in the joy of a good meal, in the beating of our hearts. Take time to drink in the wonder of this life, and then go out to share it with others.

**In the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, may we know
God’s blessing and be at peace.**

Postlude

Dr. Hansonia Caldwell-Harriford