Elkton United Methodist Church Transfiguration Sunday Sunday, March 3, 2019 8:30 a.m. † 11:00 a.m.

- > Before the service begins, please give your white prayer request card to an usher.
- > Please see an usher if you would like to have a large print bulletin or hymnal.
- All worshipers are asked to sign the attendance register. If you are a guest, please fill out all the information. As the register is passed back down the pew, make note of those sitting near you so you can greet them after the service.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND RINGING OF CHIMES

GREETING AND WELCOME

TIME OF CENTERING PRAYER

RESPONSE #328 (UMH)...... "SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD"

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: We have gathered as children of God's promise, to keep alive our vision of hope.

People: We have gathered on the mountaintop, that we may be strengthened to live as God's children in the valleys of everyday life.

- Leader: We are on a pilgrimage of love and hope.
- People: We follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who was faithful because of God's promise.
- All: Let us pause on our journeys; let us build a roadside altar, not of stones, but of praise, to the God who guides us.

**HYMN #2103 (TFWS)...... "WE HAVE COME AT CHRIST'S OWN BIDDING"

PRAYER (in unison)

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah, who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets. By his transfiguration enlighten our path that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity and so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

 LESSON FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES, EXODUS 34: 29-35 (page 81)

**GOSPEL LESSON, LUKE 9: 28-36 (page 69-70) Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.People: Thanks be to God

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION, PAGE 12 (UMH)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

****THE PEACE**

PASTORAL PRAYER

RESPONSE #2215 (TFWS).....""CARES CHORUS" I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY - 8:30 "FUGUE "¹BUXTEHUDE 11:00SID BLEDSOE, SOLOIST

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PAGE 13 (UMH)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion will be served by intinction this morning. At the direction of the ushers, you are invited to come forward to the servers, where you will receive the bread, and you are then invited to dip the bread into the juice and consume both elements together. After receiving, you are welcome to pray at the chancel rail for as long as you wish, and then return to your pew.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**HYMN #451 (UMH).....""BE THOU MY VISION"

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

****CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, bind us together in love.

****Indicates the congregation should stand if able**

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red cover) TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black cover) - found in the rack underneath the pew in front of you W&S: Worship & Song (green cover)

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