

Unity Moravian Church  
February 14, 2021  
Transfiguration Sunday

Watchword for the Week: “For we do not proclaim ourselves;  
we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus’ sake.”  
II Corinthians 4:5

***Gathering for Worship***

**Welcome**

Rev. Joe Moore

**Prelude**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”  
Donna Shore

arr. D. Kartsonakis

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn**

My Jesus, I Love Thee

# 353 (RH)

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*I love thee because thou has first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

***Offering Our Prayers and Praises***

**Liturgy for the Reign of Christ**

Cindy Stewart

Great is the Lord,

**And greatly to be praised!**

Let the people of the Lord praise the holy and righteous One. On the Day of the Lord, justice will roll on like a river, and righteousness like a never-failing stream.

**Almighty God, we lift our hearts to you; and our eyes are fixed upon your unchanging glory. We rejoice in the promise of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power and majesty.**

**Song**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

# 405

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul and sing of him who set us free,  
and hail him as the matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky, can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

We give thanks to you, Redeemer God, for our Lord Jesus Christ, who came in quietness and humility, but who will come again with power and for all to see. Our Lord Jesus' coming again is a two-edged sword. It comforts us, convinces us anew that your grace is beyond measure. Yet it also confronts us, compels us to recognize our own unrighteousness. Let us put aside our false pride, confess our sins, and receive your affirming love.

**Gracious Father, we confess that all too often we do not think of the coming King. We do not live our lives in the expectant and obedient waiting to which your word summons us. Too often we do not live with the sense of urgency for the task you have set before your church. We put off bringing the gospel to the world and living out your kingdom's values of justice and righteousness. Forgive us, loving Lord. Cleanse us and fill us with your Spirit and with power, so that at Christ's triumphant return we may be counted worthy to stand before you with people of all tongues and nations. Amen.**

Thanks be to God, who has loved us from the beginning, and who promises that if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and will purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Our Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from the earth. In that day we will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. Let us rejoice in his salvation."**

**Special Music**

“I Don’t Know About Tomorrow”  
Cindy Stewart and Maynard Surratt

Ira Stamphill

We believe that our Lord Jesus, who ascended into heaven after his resurrection, will come again in the same way.

**The Lord himself will come from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God; and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive will be caught up together with them to meet the Lord. And so we will be with the Lord forever.**

When Christ returns, he will establish justice and righteousness on the earth. He will bring to fulfillment the kingdom of God, and he will reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**In that day, at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

We believe that Christ’s return will be one of rejoicing and vindication for God’s people, but it will also be a day of judgment for those who have rejected Christ’s reign. We believe our loving God desires that none should perish, and so we ask to be empowered with zeal and humility to proclaim the word of truth in a world too often unaware of coming judgment.

**We join with the saints throughout the ages in declaring: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

**Song**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

# 405

*Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the risen Lord sublime,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, the Master of all time.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For you have died for me;  
your praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.*

**Prayers of the People  
Pastoral Prayer**

Dana Myers

## ***Sharing God's Word***

<b>New Testament</b>	II Corinthians 4:3-6	Rev. Joe Moore
<b>Special Music</b>	"Softly and Tenderly" Cindy Stewart and Maynard Surratt	Will Thompson
<b>Gospel Lesson</b>	Mark 9:2-9	

### **Sermon**

<b>Hymn</b>	How God, Lord, to Be Here	# 326
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*How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;  
your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.*

*How good, Lord, to be here! Your beauty to behold  
where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.*

*Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,  
we hail your body glorified and our redemption see.*

## ***Responding to God***

### **Worship by Giving**

<b>Offertory</b>	"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Donna Shore	arr. M. Hayes
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<b>Ministry Opportunities</b>	Dana Myers
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## ***Going Forth to Share God's Love***

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, indeed by all the saints who have gone before us, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**Christ, Bringer of Justice, we ask for courage and boldness to stand by the poor and oppressed: to work for justice in this present world as we anticipate your perfect justice to come.**

Christ, Hope of the World, we ask that your Holy Spirit move among those who have yet to hear, that their hearts may be softened and prepared for the message of the gospel.

**Christ, the Lord of the Church, we ask for help for your church to love as we truly are- a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to you, who live to declare your praises, for you called us out of darkness into your wonderful light.**

**Hymn**

Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord

# 543

*Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice;  
exalt our God with one accord, and in his name rejoice.  
Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
until in realms of endless light your praises shall unity.*

*There we to all eternity shall join the angelic lays  
and sing in perfect harmony to God our Savior's praise;  
he has redeemed us by his blood, and made us kings and priests to God;  
for us, for us, the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord! Amen.*

**Benediction**

Rev. Joe Moore

**Postlude**

Toccata in E Minor  
Donna Shore

Pachelbel