

BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A community of Christ-followers growing in love of God and neighbor



**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 15, 2026 10:30AM**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

Hunter Wade

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us at Belmont UMC today! Welcome!
Restrooms and a water station are located in the foyer which is out the doors on the left side near the front of the sanctuary.
All gender restrooms are located out the doors to the left of the piano, up a small set of stairs, and to the left.
*This symbol † invites you to stand as you are able. Words printed in **bold** invite you to join in reading them together with everyone.*
Please silence all electronic devices before the service begins. Thank you!

CENTERING PRAYER

The “centering prayer” helps us create a space where we quiet our minds and open our hearts to hear what God might be saying to us.

Radiant God,

we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory.

You come to us in the valleys.

We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide.

May our worship of you encourage us on the journey

and make us aspire to reflect your kin-dom in the world.

Transform us and keep us near to you.

Amen.¹

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Almighty King

arr. David Maddux

Laura Kreiselmaier, piano

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We begin worship by acknowledging that God’s Spirit is present with us and by asking God to speak to us today.

God of holy darkness and holy light -

we stand on the mountaintop, proclaiming your glory!

As Moses and Elijah experienced the promised Messiah in pure radiance,

may we experience the love of your Promised One,

made flesh in Christ.

Let us abide this day in the tension of holy mystery,

as we worship the God who transforms lives!

†HYMN NO. 258

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

(verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

WAREHAM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Keller Hawkins

The intent of corporate confession is that we recognize the ways in which we have not chosen to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in our daily lives, and we ask God to help us make choices that more fully reflect God's love and Christ's teachings.

God of transforming grace,

we confess that we do not live the lives of a people
who have been changed by unconditional love and radical welcome.

**We often neglect to speak out when unjust and hateful discourse is spewed forth
from the mouths of the leaders of our nation and from our closest friends.**

God who saves lives, renew our minds that we will speak truth to power.

Transform our hearts that we may bring forth the kin-dom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

**Change us through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

SILENT MEDITATION

Silence provides intentional space for us to pause and practice listening.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

We name God's boundless love for us, believing that "nothing can separate us from the love of God." (Romans 8)

Friends, the Good News is this: we are forgiven through Christ, the great transformer of lives.

We rejoice knowing that we are loved and forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

†PASSING THE PEACE

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Matthew Webb

We believe that the Scriptures reveal the Word of God to us as we listen with open hearts and minds.

Exodus 24:15-17 | New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The 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. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

arr. Kreiselmaier

Laura Kreiselmaier, David Thornton

Matthew 17:1-9 | *New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As 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.”

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Paul Purdue

The sermon seeks to bring insights from the scripture into our modern context with the hopes that guided by God's spirit, our experience, reason, and church tradition we might interpret and apply the ancient text to our lives today.

†HYMN

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

PICARDY

1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 2. Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain, stripped of might up - on the cross,
 3. You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er at God's side.
 4. Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!

You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er of the way you took and gave.
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry, beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row, have a love that reach - es wide.
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory; wor - thy still your peace and strife.

You, the ev - er - last - ing in - - - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - - - stant; you, who are both gift and cost.
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - - - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! You, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984

Music: French melody, 17th cent.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, CONNECTION, AND GIVING

Heather Harriss

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HOMEPLACE LEDACY FUND

Marcie Smeck-Bryant

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Nata Lux
Sanctuary Choir

Morten Lauridsen

*O light born of light, Jesus redeemer of the world,
gently consider your supplicants' praises and prayers which they offer.
You who once considered it right to be clothed in flesh for sinners,
grant us to be made limbs of your blessed body.
Brighter than the sun in appearance, with clothes white as snow,
on the mountain before worthy witnesses.
You appeared as creator.
A prophet to your disciples, bringing together old secrets with new,
you gave to all people divinely to believe you are God.
You the voice from heaven who called his own son,
whom we with faithful hearts confess is heaven's king.
Grant us, we pray, to shine with caring lives,
that to the joys of heaven we may be carried there.
We offer our praises to you, eternal king of kings,
God, who are ruler, both three and one, ruling for all ages.*

†DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The Greek word δόξα (doxa) means “glory,” and the Doxology is a brief response of praise to God for the gifts we have been given and for the offerings received today.



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

For over 2000 years, Christians all over the world have prayed this model prayer that Jesus taught us in Matthew 6.

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.

†HYMN

God, Who Dwells in Light and Darkness

HYMN TO JOY

1. God, who dwells in light and darkness,
2. Christ, who shines in light that dazes,
3. God of loft - y and of low - ly,
God, who guides through fire and cloud,
Christ, whose skin is dark and brown,
God of night and God of day,
God, who speaks through law and prophet,
Christ, who guides us to the sum - mit,
God of doubt - er and di - sci - ple,
God, whose voice is hushed and loud —
Christ, who leads us safe - ly down —
God who guides us all the way —
you have led us to the moun - tain, there to see be - yond our sight;
you have known the heights of hea - ven, yet you dwell a - mong us here;
in this world of clouds and shad - ows, grant us mom - ents of clear sight;
now Christ in you lead us to the val - leys — through the sha - dows with your light.
of this world of lies and of man - ger, set us free from pride and love
moun - tain and ha - tred, let your truth and shine bright.

Text: Chris Shelton

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842

†BENEDICTION

This closing prayer sends us forth into the world to live as followers of Christ.

Finish, then, Your new creation, pure and spotless let us be,
let us see Your great salvation, perfectly restored and free!
Changed from glory into glory, until in heaven we take our place,
until we cast our crowns before you, lost in wonder, love, and grace!

Alleluia! Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major BuxWV 157

D. Buxtehude

We invite you to remain seated to listen to the music and reflect on today's service, or to move to the foyer to greet one another.

LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Sanctuary Choir

Robbie Jones, Organist

Paul Purdue, Senior Pastor

Heather Harriss, Senior Associate Pastor

Matthew Webb, Director of Music Ministry

Hunter Wade, Wesley Foundation Director/Discipleship Associate

Keller Hawkins, Ordained Deacon in Extension Ministry

Liturgy selected/written by Matthew Webb.

¹Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, United Church of Christ, <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/transfiguration-sunday-year-a-february-19>

Memorials

BETTY BROOKS

Donors:

Linda & Mike O'Neal

Betty & Charlie Warfield

JERRY STUART

Donor:

Covenant Class

We believe every person is of sacred worth and created in God's image. We commit to Jesus' example of inclusive love, care, and intentional hospitality with persons of every race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, faith story, physical or mental ability, economic status, or political perspective.



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