

Hopewell UMC
February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Instrumental Music

Welcome

Pastor Wendy

Announcements

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Call to Worship

(Nancy C. Townley, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2346/worship-connection-february-14-2021>)

Life can seem shrouded in mystery.

O Lord, lift the veil of our misunderstanding that we may see your Light.

We are eager to serve.

O Lord, calm our spirits and patiently prepare us for service.

Look to the Lord for mercy and comfort.

We look to the Lord for healing and hope. AMEN.

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

Opening Prayer

(Adapted, Nancy C. Townley, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2346/worship-connection-february-14-2021>)

Patient Lord, you know how easily our spirits and our senses get fooled. We would be just like the disciples, at first not believing what we were seeing and then wanting to make a monument to the event. Thank you for being so patient with us. Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in the moment that we do not take time enough to understand its significance. Help us pause, reflect, think, and thank you for the blessings of unexpected revelations. Give us wisdom and strengthen us this hour, so that we can go forth as your disciples, proclaiming your transforming love to all people. AMEN.

Music

“Jesus Loves Me”

Children’s Moment

Hymn

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

UMH 349

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

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

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

UMH 176

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:2-9 (CEB)

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, and they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

Sermon***"Unveiled"***

Preacher: Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

Hymn**Open My Eyes, That I Might See****UMH 454****Spoken Benediction****Musical Benediction "Go Now in Peace"**

As our time of worship together ends, our praise for God continues and our worship through witness and service in the world begins.
