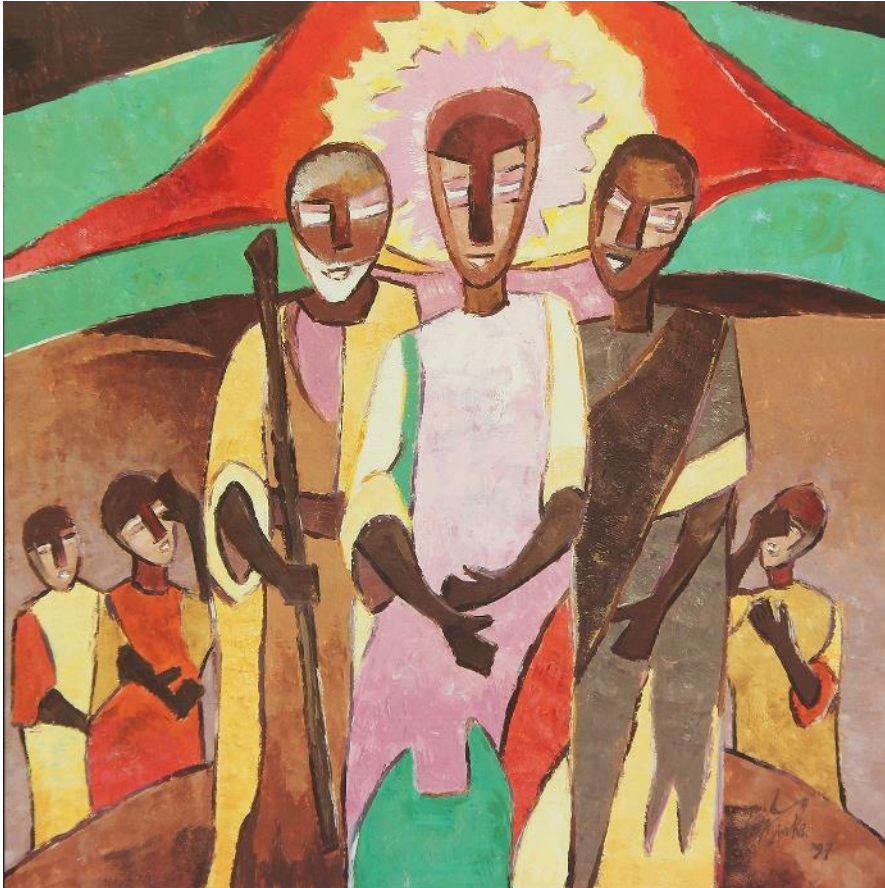


Welcome to
WILSON MEMORIAL UNION CHURCH
A Member Congregation, International Council of Community Churches



February 11, 2024

Transfiguration

10:00 a.m.

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Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit
Bold print indicates a unison reading.

PRELUDE

Various Melodies

Ricky Francese

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Candle this morning shines in honor of black history month.



HYMN MEDLEY #496, 390, 504

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms,

We're Marching to Zion,

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

WELCOME

Matthew May

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Gerald Di Andrea

Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

Keep our eyes fixed on you.

Let us not get distracted by the things of the world.

Keep our eyes fixed on you.

We hope to catch a glimpse of the hope Christ has with us.

Keep our eyes fixed on you.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world.

Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity. Draw us nearer to your light. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.



HYMN #419

My Faith Looks up to Thee

Verse 1: My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day be wholly thine.

Verse 2: May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,

O may my love to thee pure, warm, changeless be, a living fire!



PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

(All who wish are invited to participate verbally in our prayer of reconciliation.)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

 **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

 **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #122

He is Exalted

INSTALLATION OF OUR EXECUTIVE BOARD 2024

Rev. Michael Droege

President: Nancy Scott

Vice President: Judy Wall

Treasurer: Pam Davis

Clerk: Yvette Nora Whitley

Laurie Conley

Angela Della Ventura

Russ Harding

Bruce Heyman

Kendal MacTaggart

Isaac Onuorah

Cota Possien-Kania

Lisa Shpunder

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

ANTHEM

I Can Only Imagine



DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, you heavenly host,

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-9

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

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.

 **GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

SERMON

“The Big Show”

Matthew May

ANTHEM

Breathe

 **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Various Melodies

Ricky Francese

How to Support the Work of Wilson Memorial Church

In Service: You are invited to place your offerings in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.

By Mail: Gifts can be sent to the office at:
7 Valley Road
Watchung, NJ 07069

Online: Use our secure giving portal by clicking the “Giving” link on our website; www.wilsonmemorialchurch.org

Text-to-Give: Text WILSONCHURCH to (908) 460-8818 and follow the setup prompts for your first time. Once set up, you can simply text the gift amount to the above number.

Follow us on social media @mywilsonchurch

How to reach Pastor Michael: You can schedule an appointment online at calendly.com/michaeldroege or call the office for assistance at (908) 755-5020. In any kind of crisis, you can always call Pastor Michael at (908) 755-5589

Rev. Michael Droege, Pastor
Timothy Walton, Director of Music & Worship Arts
Ricky Francese, Accompanist
Jacob Feldman, A/V Specialist
Tina Kelly, Administrator
Harold Kreis, Sexton
The Rev. Barbara Peters, Pastor Emerita
Lisa Renaud, Frippery (908)625-5042

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers that grace the Sanctuary today are in loving memory of
Marie Murphy & Beverly Harding

Wilson welcomes: Matthew May. Matthew is a graduate of Drew Theological Seminary where he earned a master's degree in religion. He began preaching at the age of 13 as a pulpit supply and eventually pastored 6 churches in West Virginia at age 19 during his undergraduate studies. His other religious experiences include coordinating youth events, guest preaching, and serving as a Lay Minister at Wilson Memorial Church. Currently, Matthew's work involves educating adults with disabilities in the art of music.

For Prayer: For peace • Joe Higgins

Shrove Tuesday: Feb. 13th at 6pm in Fisher Hall

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 14th ashes will be imposed by Rev. Michael Droege from 8am-8:30am, then again from 12-12:30. Self-imposition will be available all day. Service for Ash Wednesday will be at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

Soup Supper Sundays: Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17 @ 4:30 in Fisher Hall

Open Sanctuary during Lent: Tuesdays from 8:30am -1pm
Feb 20, 27 March 5, 12, 19

WoW: Next meeting is March 6th at 11:30 am. Wow is planning to meet at a showing of the new "Cabirini" movie on March 8th in honor of International Women's Day.

Wilson University is here!

A new semester of education is available.
Find the full course list online or in the narthex.