



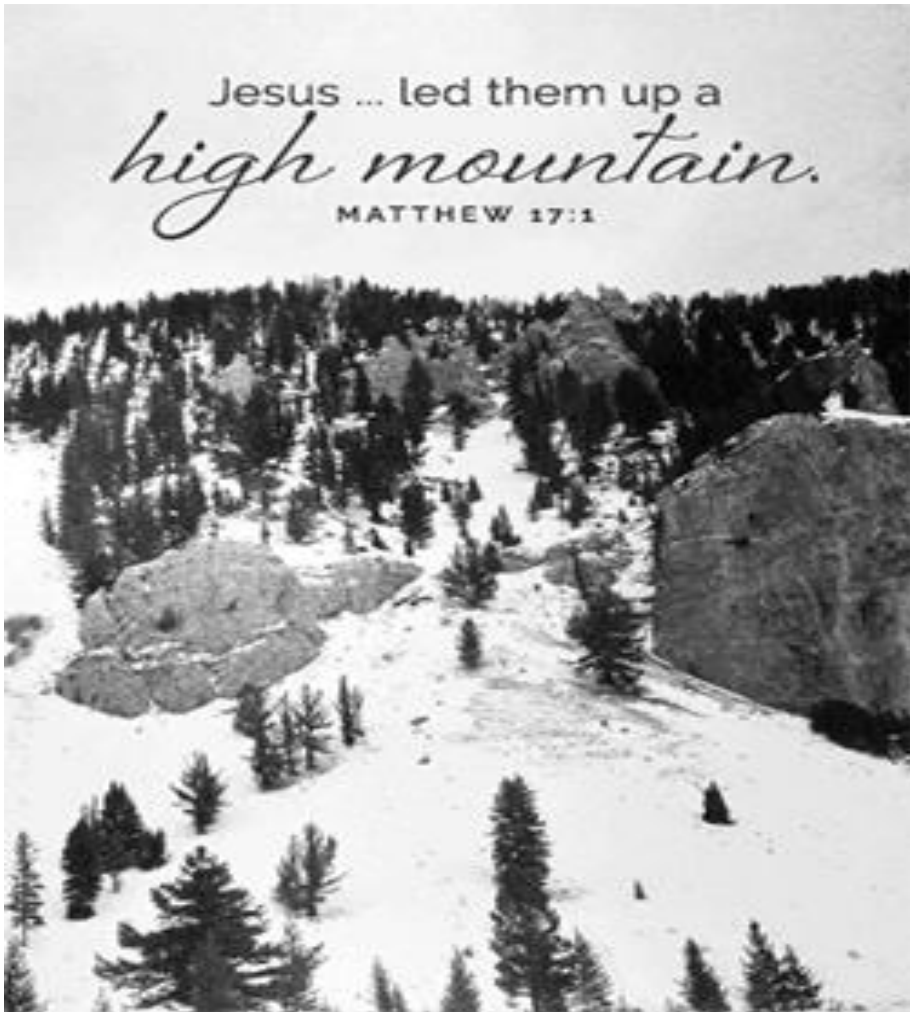
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February 19, 2023
11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship

God, you said to your disciples, “This is my Son, the Beloved; ... listen to him!”
(Matthew 17:5, NRSV). Help us to always listen to Jesus too.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: God, we come to the mountain top to be covered in your presence.

People: We are comforted by your holiness and your glow.

Leader: The mountain top reminds us why we worship you. We witness your bright power and your plan for the nations of the earth.

ALL: God bring us to the mountain top so that we may be inspired to do your work in the valley below.

Hymn – *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

UMH 371

Doxology

UMH 95

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer Time and Lord’s Prayer

(Please use the prayer cards in the pews to share your prayer concerns. You may place prayer cards in the prayer box near the altar rail.)

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.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 24: 12-18

NRSV pew Bible, p.68 (OT)

The Apostles Creed

UMH 881

Choir Anthem – *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o’er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day’s return, till Thy mercy’s beams I see.
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief.
More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

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New Testament Reading – Matthew 17: 1-9

NRSV pew Bible, p. 17-18 (NT)

Message – Mountain Tops and Valleys

Pastor Dan Baer

Hymn – *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH 127

Blessing & Sending Out to Serve in the World

Today's Greeters: Chip & Jeanette Gray
Today's Sound System Operator: Tim Johnson

Next Week's Greeters: R.E. & Beth Cobb
Next Week's Sound System Operator: Steve Snow

What to know this week...

Calendar this week:

TODAY, 2/19 *Common Thread contemporary worship, 9:15AM in Carson Hall*
Discipleship Hour, 10:15AM throughout campus
Sanctuary traditional worship, 11AM in the Sanctuary
Worship Team, 4PM in Room 12
St. James Youth, 4PM in Montague Hall
SPRC, 5PM in the Library
N.A., 7PM in Saints Hall

Mon, 2/20 ***OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY**
GS Troop 4331, 6:30PM in Montague Hall
Children's Ministries Council, 6:30PM in the Library

Tues, 2/21 *Library Committee, 9AM in the Library*
Staff Meeting, 10AM in the Office
GS Troop 4491, 6:30PM in Montague Hall

Wed. 2/22 **First Day of Lent**
**Pancake Supper, 5:30PM in Carson Hall*
Choir Rehearsal, 6:40PM in the Sanctuary
**Ash Wednesday Worship at 7PM in the Sanctuary*

Thurs, 2/23 *Mary Brown Circle, 10AM in Saints Hall*
Raleigh SeniorTechEd, 12:30PM in Room 12 or Saints Hall
New Hope Strummers, 6:15PM in Music Room
Common Thread Band Rehearsal, 7PM in Carson Hall
**Bishop Shelton Conference Gathering, 7PM at Garner UMC*

Sat, 2/25 *Produce Assembly, 9AM in Carson Hall*
GS Troop 1929, 1:30PM in Montague Hall

***Office closing:** Please note that the office and Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, February 20 for the Presidents' Day holiday. We will re-open with our regular hours on Tuesday, February 21.

Lenten devotionals available! This year's Lenten daily devotional is Redeemed, provided by Society of St. Andrew. It is available today in both worship centers and the counter of the Welcome Center. We request you limit one per family so we can share with our homebound worshipers and our community Food Pantry clients.

***Ash Wednesday worship and Pancake Supper:** The UMM will serve a pancake supper complete with sausage, milk and juice from 5:30-6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 22. Following at 7:00 pm, we will worship together in the sanctuary with a blend of worship music and several of our children and youth assisting in the service.

***Meet Bishop Shelton!** Don't forget that our district meet-and-greet gathering with our newly appointed Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton is 7PM on Thursday, February 23 at Garner UMC (201 Methodist Dr., Garner 27529). All church members are invited to attend.

New Bible Study: Pastor Dan will lead a 12-week Bible study on the book of John from February 27 - May 22. The study will meet 10:30 am Mondays in the Chapel and uses the book John: A 12-Week Study from Justin Buzzard. This insightful guide encourages Christians to worship Christ as Lord and follow him on mission to the world. Books will cost \$6.50 each and are available in either paperback or eBook formats. Sign up now on the clipboard in the church lobby or by contacting Martha in the church office. If you are interested in attending a Tuesday evening session instead, please contact Pastor Dan.

Special Offering Alert: Our first special offering for 2023 will be on **Sunday, March 5**. This special offering will go to assisting relief efforts in the Ukraine. Please indicate "Ukraine Relief" on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check on March 5.