



Narrative Lectionary – Year 2 **TRANSFIGURATION**

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THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Mark's Gospel.
Mark is the focus of Year 2 in the Narrative Lectionary.

Childrens Choir

" Shepherd of Love"

Cherub & Junior Choir

Opening Hymn

Tis Good, Lord to Be Here

LSB 414 sts. 1-3

1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy
2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy
3 Ful - fill - er of the past And

glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments,
beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
hope of things to be, We hail Thy bod - y

like the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.

Invocation (Based on Mark 1:1-8)

P: John the Baptist appeared, baptizing people in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

C: God had announced this through the prophet Isaiah:

P: "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way,
the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

**C: And all the people were going out to be baptized by John in the Jordan River.
They were confessing their sins.**

P: And John said, “I have baptized you with water,
but the One who comes after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

C: This is Jesus, the Son of God, our Lord, the Christ, the Messiah.

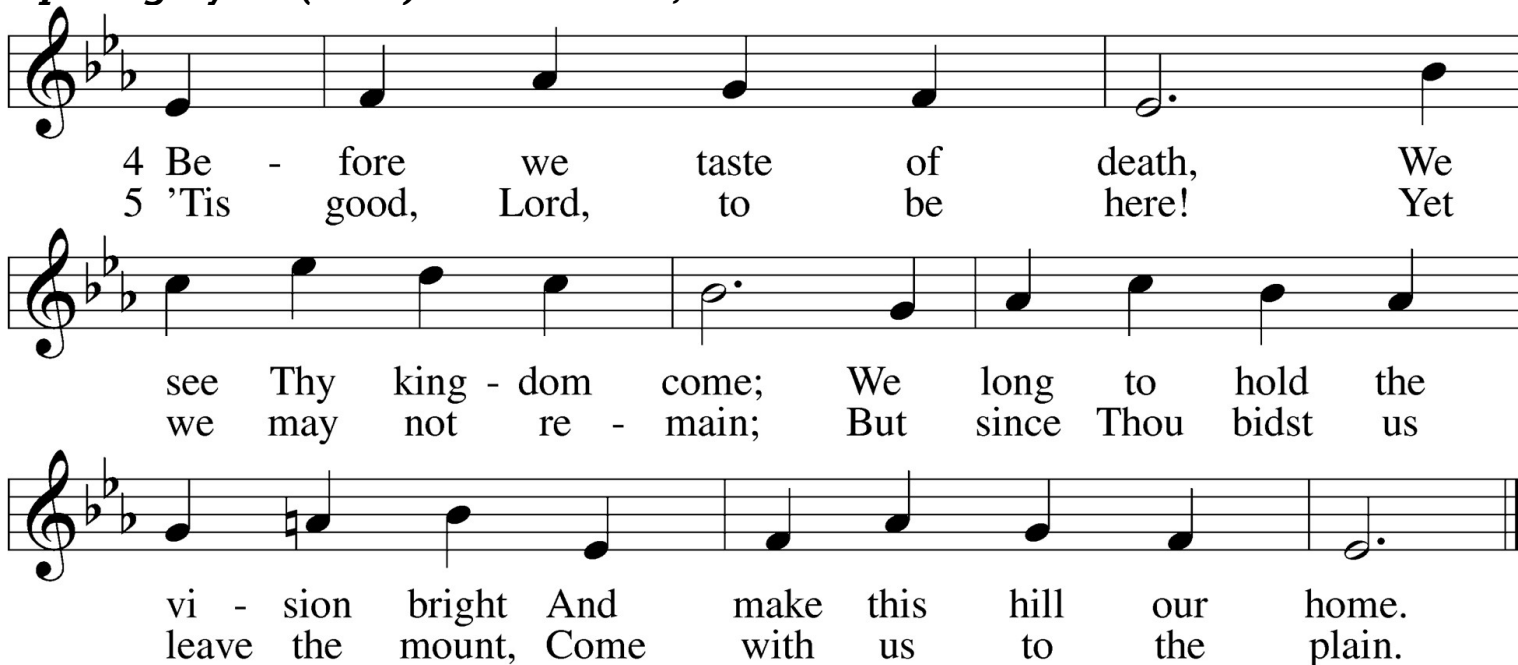
P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn (cont.)

Tis Good, Lord to Be Here

LSB 414 sts. 4–5



4 Be - fore we taste of death, We
5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet
see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us
vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Confession (Mark 1:15,2:17,7:14-23)

P: Jesus began His ministry, preaching and saying,
“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand;

C: repent and believe in the gospel.”

P: When Jesus knew that some thought they were already righteous, without sin, He said
to them “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

C: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P: [Jesus] called the people to Him and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand.”
And He calls us now, “Hear me, all of you, and understand.”

C: We have come to hear and repent.

P: Jesus says, “There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but
the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the
heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting,
wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things
come from within, and they defile a person.”

C: We repent and believe in the Gospel of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins.

Absolution (Forgiveness) (Mark 2:5,10, 5:34; 10:52)

P: And when Jesus saw the faith of the paralytic brought for healing by his friends,
He said, "My son, your sins are forgiven."

C: Because Jesus has authority on earth to forgive sins!

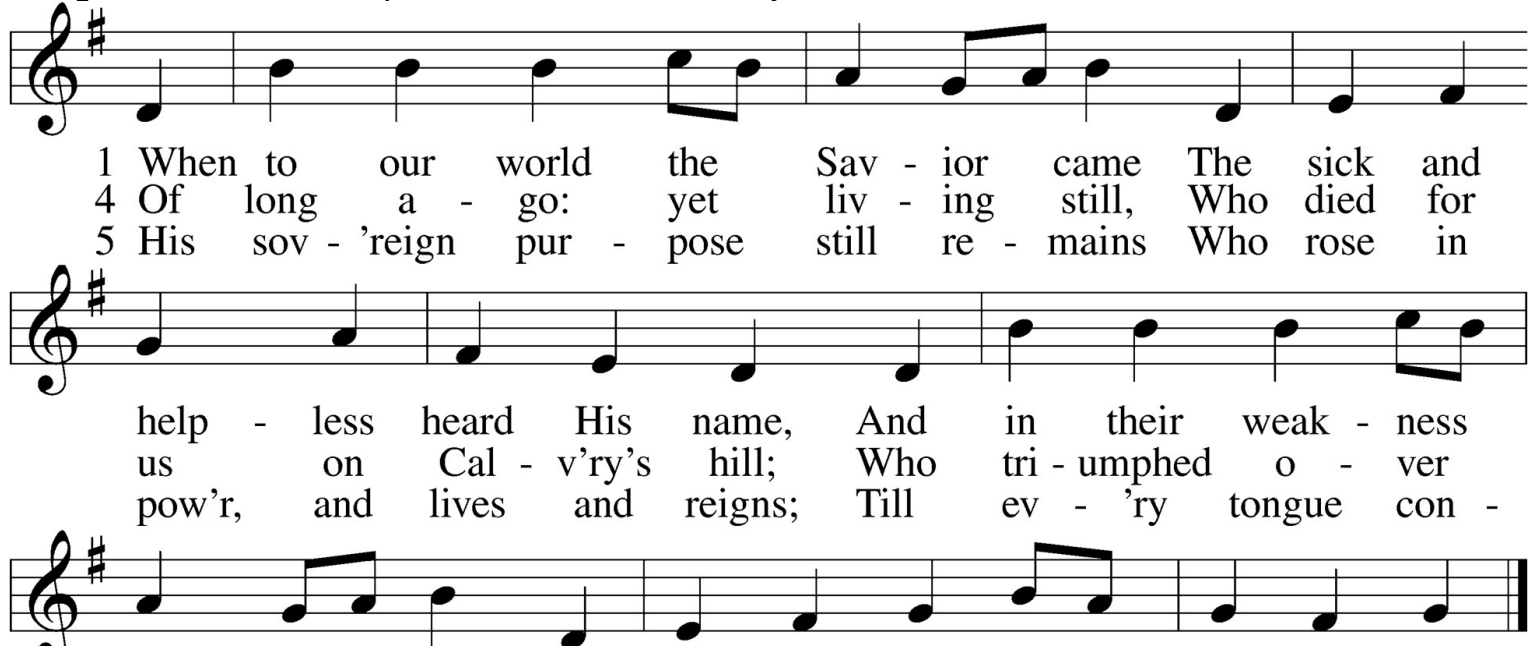
P: And Jesus said to the woman who reached out to touch Him for healing,
"Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."
And Jesus said to the man born blind but had now received sight,
"Go your way; your faith has made you well."

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I say to you: "Your sins are forgiven, your faith has made you well." I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Response of Praise (based on Mark 10:52)

LSB 551 sts. 1, 4-5



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and
4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for
5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in
help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness
us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver
pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -
longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.
fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Let us pray.

Lord of light, as you were transfigured on the mountain, your followers were given a glimpse of your glory. Shine your light in our lives so that we will know how truly marvelous you are. Amen.

C: Amen.

Today's Narrative Lectionary Reading

Mark 8:27—9:8 (ESV)

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

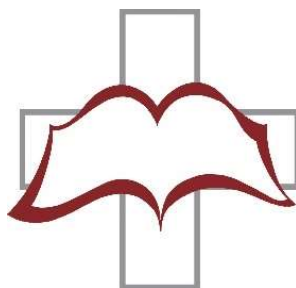
³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

¹And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Hymn of the Day

Higher than the Heavens

Verse 1

Jesus I feel like I saw
You rise and disappear
All of us disciples scared
Just wanting you right here
But as the cloud hid you from sight
You took up all your might

Chorus

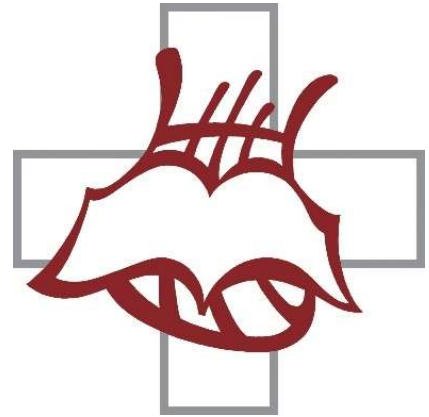
You are higher than the heavens
You are deeper than the sea
You are larger than creation
Yet you come to live in me
You're not contained by heaven
'Cause heaven is in you
While you live in me
I'm living in you too

Verse 2

Centuries have come and gone
But still we have to wait
Looking for your reign to come
We witness and we pray
Jesus won't you come back now
So every knee will bow (Repeat Chorus)

Bridge

Earth is just your footstool
Heaven's just your throne
All creation's empty
'Till we're filled by you alone (Repeat Chorus)



Sermon

“Jesus’ Anointing, Transfiguration, and Glory”

To Hang For You (John 12:23ff and Mark 8)

To Hang With You (Mark 9)

To Hang in You (Mark 16:19&20)

Confession of Faith from Mark 8:27-30, 9:31, 10:33-34, 12:10-11, 16:6-7

P: When Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” Peter answered:

C: “You are the Christ.”

P: meaning the Messiah, the Anointed One, coming to save God’s people.

C: Did Jesus come with His glory and power?

P: No, not during His first coming. He told the disciples many times how the Lord’s salvation would be accomplished: “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”

And again: “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

This fulfills Psalm 118 which says:

C: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.”

P: So we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus just as He told us and as the angel declared to the women when they went early to the tomb on Easter: “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

C: This is our Resurrection hope.

**Jesus has told us that He will return again
to take us to be with Him forever.
We will see Him, just as He told us. Amen.**

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Offering Preface (based on Mark 10:42-45, 12:41-44)

P: Come, now, and offer your lives in service to the Lord. Jesus said, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.”

C: **But it shall not be this way among us!**

**Whoever would be great among us must be a servant to others,
and whoever would be first among us must be servant of all.**

For even Jesus did not come to be served but to serve,

P: and to give his life as a ransom for many.

When you come to bring financial offerings to the ministry of the Lord,
remember what the Lord Jesus taught while watching the poor widow come to the
Temple with her offering. She came and put in two small copper coins, which adds up
to a penny.

C: **Jesus said this widow put in more offering than all the others.**

P: The others gave out of their abundance, their extra wealth,

C: **But out of her poverty,
the widow put in everything she had,
all she had to live on.**

P: Come, give to the Lord from your heart and as a servant. Amen.

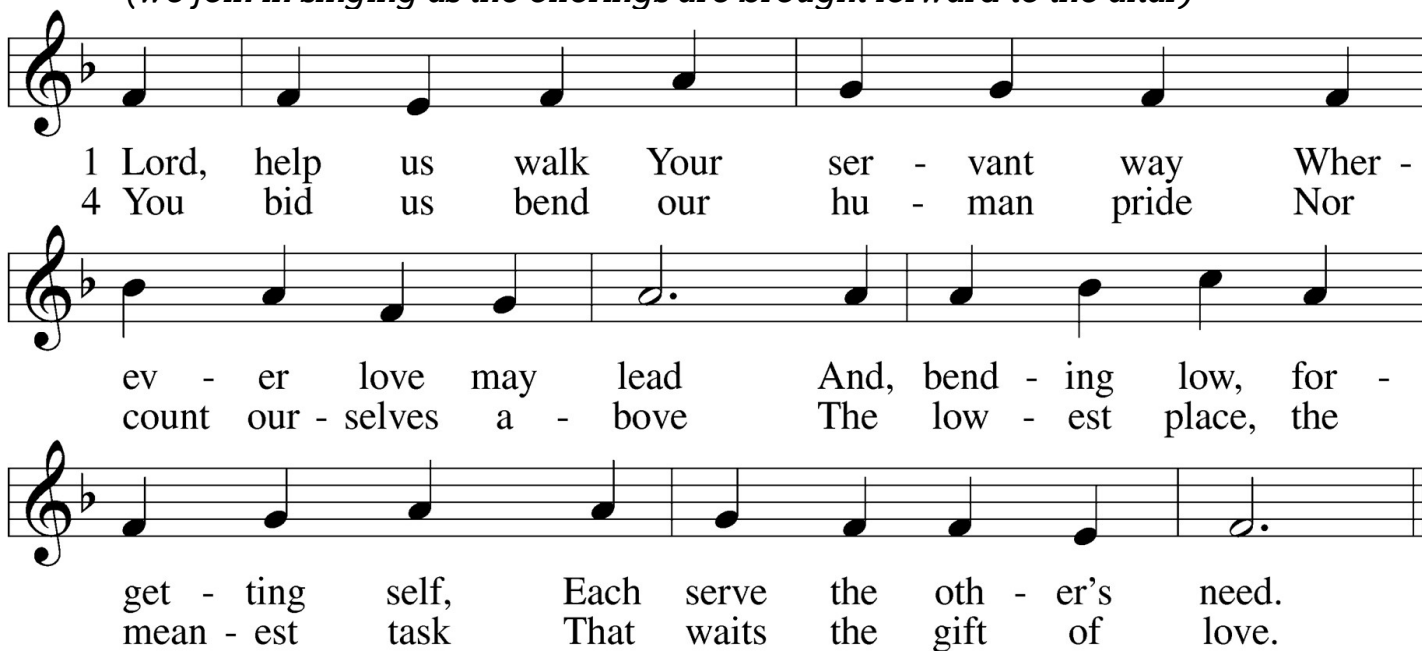
Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory (Based on Mark 10:42-45)

LSB 857 sts. 1, 4

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
mean - est task That waits the the gift of love.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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 and ever. Amen.

Benediction (Blessing) (Based on Mark 5:34; 10:52)

P: As you have already heard this day, the words of Jesus which He spoke to others while here on Earth, these are words which He speaks to you as well today:

“My children, your sins are forgiven.”

“Go your way; your faith has made you well.”

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Burning of the Palms

Traditionally the Church has kept last year's palms from celebrating Palm Sunday, and then burned them on Transfiguration Sunday as we enter into Lent. These ashes are then used on Ash Wednesday. Today as we go forth with the last “alleluias” on our lips, we burn a small amount of palm leaves.

Nehemiah 9: 1-2, 16-17

Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth on their heads. ² And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

¹⁶ “...our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey your commandments.¹⁷ They refused to obey and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them, but they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and did not forsake them.”



Burying “Alleluia”

Burying the Alleluia is a custom dating back to at least the fifth century. On the Last Sunday before Lent, a scroll containing the word, “Alleluia” (Hebrew for “Praise the Lord”/ “Praise Yah(-weh)”) was removed from the church. A written record from the 15th century describes French choirboys carrying a small coffin containing the word “Alleluia” out of the church in procession, and then burying it in the churchyard. We will sing a farewell hymn to “Alleluia”,



and then Pastor will “bury” the wooden plank in a hidden pond. (This same pond still holds an Alleluia written in Ukranian which was buried in 2022 to mark the beginning of the war. It will remain there until the war ends).

Closing Hymn

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

LSB 417 sts. 1–3



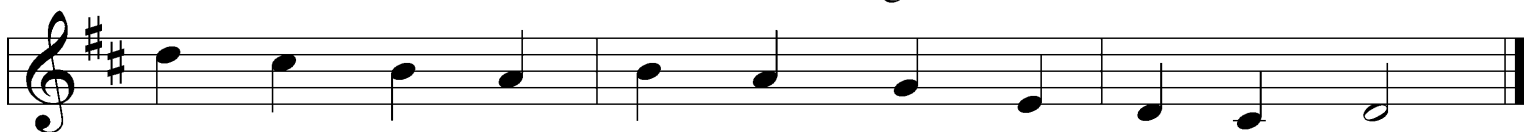
1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.

Announcements

Ash Wednesday Soup & Salad Supper

February 14, 2024

The Ash Wednesday Soup and Salad Supper will be on February 14 at 5:30pm. There will be a signup sheet available after worship in the back of the gym or outside of the Bethel office. Items that are needed are soups and desserts. We already have our volunteers for set up and clean up. Everyone is invited for this fellowship opportunity as we start the Lenten season with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm in the Bethel sanctuary.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

SOUP/SALAD SUPPER - 5:30PM

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - 6:30PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM

FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM

EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SCHEDULE. USHERS, READERS, AND VARIOUS OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND COMMUNION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF THOSE ROLES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT OFFICE@BETHELGURNEE.ORG.

