



First United Methodist Church
610 E 4th Avenue
Miller, SD 57362



Pastor Teresa Whetsel
Transfiguration Sunday

Collin Otteson, Organist
February 14, 2021

"We love because God first loved us". Valentine's Day is fun, but I pray, God, that you show me how to share your love every day of the year.

Welcome & Announcements

*Centering Song: "Holy Ground"

Call to Worship:

One: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor there is a glory rising, born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us

Many: a light that shines through the clouds, an invitation seeking all of who we are, that transfigures the world

One: that transforms darkness into hope, that brings life from a cross, where old life ends and new life is born.

Many: In glory Jesus meets us here, raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain, carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heaven's glory.

One: Let us worship from the mountain and hear again "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

Many: Amen

Opening Prayer:

God of mighty tempest and devouring fire, you come to us shrouded in mystery. Just as Peter, James, and John did, so too will we follow Christ up the mountain to behold his glory. Who are Moses and Elijah that we should not join their ranks among the faithful? What is to prevent us from shining with Christ today? Give us eyes and ears of faith, Holy One, that we may see

the heavens open and hear your voice, calling us to listen to and to follow your Son. Amen.

Psalm Reading:

Psalm 50:1-6

Offering

*Doxology

Offertory Prayer:

God of Transformation, we come together as those who have met you on the mountaintop. We have each had our holy encounters with you; and in those moments, we have wanted to stay on the mountain and retreat from the world. We know that is our longing, not yours. So, as we offer our gifts this morning in response to your blessings in our life, remind us that our mission begins as we leave this place, and help us hold our memories of those mountaintop encounters with you in our hearts. We pray boldly in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Time:

Hymn:

"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"

Gospel Reading:

Mark 9:2-9

Message

But Only Jesus

Joys/Concerns

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.

*Closing Hymn

"Christ is the World's Light"

*Benediction

In these days of “social distancing” we need to be intentional in our care for one another. Remember to pray for each other. Also phone calls and greeting cards can mean so much for those who are shut in.



Prayer List:

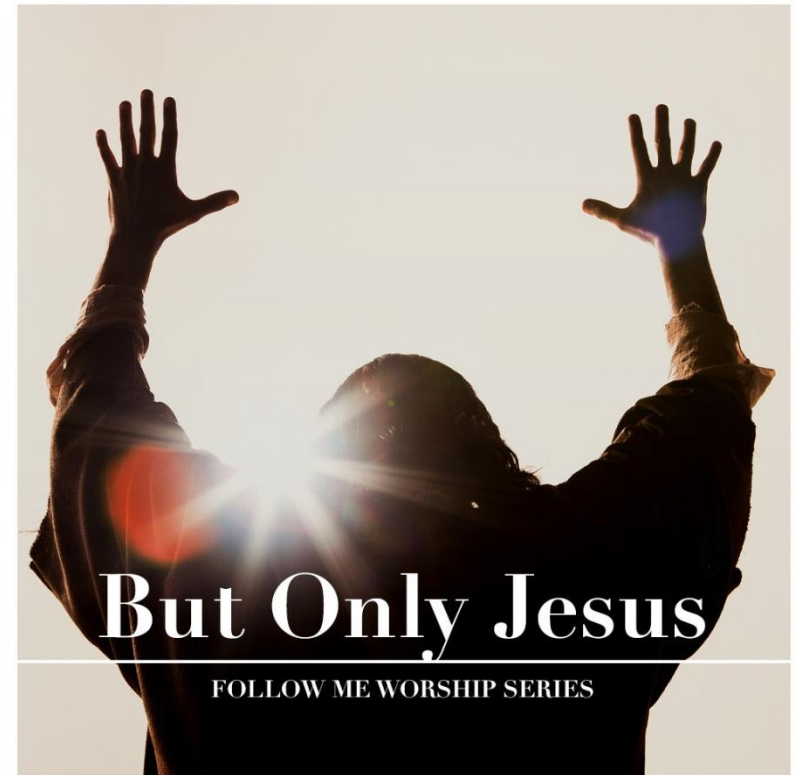
Ida Moser – LaVerta Palmer (Huron) / Virginia Burgher -
Dorothy Fawcett - Violet Moncur - Don & Eleanor Steptoe
(MGSC) /Helen Dalton (TX)

Others: Merle Bertsch - Norma Carr –Steve Danburg
Rita & Aaron Ellsworth –Steve Ellsworth - Arlette Heitzman -
Terri Henson - Del & Doris Jury – Jim Keeter, Sr.
Gene & Ila Norton – Rick Norton – Lloyd Schwartz
Doug Testerman

PLEASE contact the church or the Pastor to add or remove names from prayer list or to request a call from Pastor Teresa.

At this time of increased Covid-19 cases in our community, please keep our community, our state, and our nation in your prayers. Let these prayers be for the safety and well-being of others. May we pray today, and always, that in all things, at all time, in all places, God’s will, not ours be done.

This Transfiguration Sunday, we remember that Jesus is with us in both the mountaintops and valleys of life. Welcome, as we do what the voice from heaven commanded: “Listen to him”



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