



**Central United Methodist Church— service at 10:00 a.m.**

**February 11, 2024**

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Preaching: Susan Scott – Lay Speaker

Liturgist: Susan Ramsay Musician: Kyle Akin

Streaming Coordinator: Rick Velez

Ushers: Linda Merritt & Olivia Fontes

Service on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/MiddleboroMethodists>

Centering Music:

Kyle Akin

Greetings & Ringing of the Bell:

Opening Prayer/ Call to Worship: (in unison)

**Almighty God, whose son, our savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world, we come to worship you, to praise you, and to be filled with those things that only You can provide. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. Help us to boldly deliver your message of love, so that Christ may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the end of the earth, now and forever. AMEN**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 84 (NIV) Leader (L) reads first. Congregation (P) reads the bold type.

Leader: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**People:** My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

L: O Lord of hosts, my ruler and my God, at your altars even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow finds a nest for herself, where she may lay her young.

**P: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!**

L: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,.. for a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**P: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L: For the Lord God is a sun and shield, and bestows favor and honor.

**P: No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts,**

**blesed are those who trust in you.” Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God!**

**Hymn: UMH #64 “Holy, Holy, Holy” v1,3,&4**

**Youth Message: *Just a Peek***

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:13-18 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, <sup>16</sup> and the glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from within the cloud. <sup>17</sup> To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**New Testament Reading: Mark 9:2-9 (NASB 2020)**

*This passage takes place a few days after Jesus had asked his disciples “Who do people say that I am?” and heard Peter affirm that he is the Messiah. He had then told the disciples that he would be killed & rise again in 3 days.*

“And six days later Jesus took with Him Peter, James and John and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. And Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Peter responded and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here; let’s make three tabernacles, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. <sup>6</sup> For he did not know how to reply; for they became terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud: “This is my beloved Son; listen to Him!” <sup>8</sup> And suddenly they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down from the mountain, He gave them orders not to relate to anyone what they ha seen, until the Son of Man rose from the dead.” *This is the word of the God for the people of God*

**"Hymn: FWS #2173 Shine, Jesus, Shine all verses**

**Sermon: “That Special Glow” Susan Scott, Certified Lay Speaker**

**Special Music: CUMC Choir**

**God Moments: Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer:**

**The Lord’s Prayer:**

**Tithes and Offerings / Doxology (UMH #95):**

**Announcements:**

Closing Hymn: #2204 (FWS) "Light of the World " (all verses)

**Blessing**

*Go in peace and share God's love with others.*

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*Birthday Wishes*

**February 8-** Stephen Gould  
**February 16-** Stu Peak  
**February 26-** MJ Strickland  
**February 27-** Aurelia Brummett

**March 4-** Mike Johnson  
**March 9-** Susan Ramsay  
**March 20-** Charlie Fisher  
**March 23-** Olivia Fontes

**SAINTS FUN FACTS** by John Sheppard

A kind hearted Roman priest, he aided young Christians being persecuted by Claudius II and was imprisoned. While in custody, he converted 46 members of a guards family to Christianity! Upon discovering this, Claudius sentenced him to death. He is the patron of love, young people and happy marriage.

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*St. Valentine*

**Thank you for worshipping with us at Central United Methodist Church.**

**Come as a stranger, leave as a friend.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**February 18<sup>th</sup>**- Worship with our friends at Oak Point

**February 25<sup>th</sup>**- UMW meeting after worship

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Soup Supper from 5-6:30pm

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**- Easter Sunday

*\*We are collecting for another Saver's run so bring in your household items, soft goods and books. If you have any questions or need help, see Jody Battistini (508-947-8285). Savers drop-off will be Wednesday, April 10th*

**LAY SERVANT SCHEDULE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Counter</u>
2/04/24	Paul Battistini	Linda M	Donna T	MJ S	Bob R
2/11/24	Susan Scott	Susan R	Nancy E	Linda M	Susan R
2/18/24	Paul Battistini	MJ S	Bill G	Bill G	MJ S
2/25/24	Dave Dextraze	Paul B	Olivia F	MJ S	Paul B

