Order of Worship
Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome and Congregational Updates
Rev. Kyle Walker

The Community Gatherers

Gathering Meditation
On this Transfiguration Sunday, the focus of the texts centers upon the teachings of God and their various manifestations. Handed down from the mountain, revealed in Jesus, passed on through the saints, the Wisdom of God, “the lover of justice,” illuminates our way. In a world where “nations conspire and people plot in vain,” the Holy One calls upon leaders and rulers to humble themselves, to turn from their destructive ways, and seek out the flourishing of collective life made possible through God. But even under oppressive rule, Jesus, the one declared God’s own beloved, makes known to us the powers and possibilities of aligning our own lives with love and living in loyalty to the teachings of God. The texts assure us that when this Wisdom is sought, the glory of God will appear among us.

*Responsive Call to Worship
Kathy Leslie

One:
We do not come together seeking steps to success or paths to popularity.
Many:
We are not here in search of philosophies that puff up or put down.
One:
We do not hope for ancient lessons of conquering or competing.
Many:
We do not hunger for guidance that neglects our interdependence.
One:
We are here because we believe there is another way.
Many:
We come in search of love that liberates.
One:
Let the Holy One come and fill our hearts’ desires.
Many:
Thanks be to God, whose teachings restore life.

*Opening Hymn 622
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
CWM RHONDDA

*Unison Invocation
Congregation
Great Revealer, in these days chaotic and overwhelming, make known to us the way of love. Where we cling to teachings, institutions, or traditions that contradict your will, help us to let go. We long to release all that stands in the way of being faithful to Justice and loyal to Truth. With hearts open to the anguish of these days, may your Wisdom be our guide.

Amen.

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

*The Passing of the Peace
As a sign of reconciliation with God and others, you are invited to greet those around you by offering the peace of Christ.

Children are invited to join children’s leaders at the back of the sanctuary for church school at this time. They are also welcome to remain with their parents.

Hymn 322
O Word of God Incarnate
MUNICH

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis-dom from on high,
O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark - sky:
we praise you for the ra - diance that from the bal - lowed page,
a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

2. A fa - ther to our per - son, O fa - ther of our birth,
A Spe - cial to our feel - ing, O Son of our desire:
we praise you for the voice within that sings within our heart,
a hope to our de - sire, our faith in our own worth.

3. A friend to our sor - row, O gen - der of our tears,
A hope to our de - sire, O way of our de - sire:
we praise you for the name that we can call on, to come, to come.
A name that we can call on, to come, to come.

4. A friend to our de - sire, O guide of our de - sire,
O Son of our de - sire, O guide of our de - desire:
we praise you for the way that we can tread, a way that we can tread,
a way that we can tread, a way that we can tread.
The Community Proclaims God's Word

The First Reading
Matthew 17:1-9
Sheila Collins

Anthem
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
MHCC Choir
Taylor Davis

The Second Reading
Exodus 24:12-18
Rev. Kyle Walker

Sermon
"The Trans Nature of God"
Rev. Kyle Walker

The Community Responds

Prayers of the People
Rev. Kyle Walker

The Lord's Prayer
Congregation
Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Giving
Kathy Leslie

Offertory
Trio on St. Columba
Greg Nunn, organist
Joyce Jones

*Response
Doxology
OLD HUNDREDTH
Kathy Leslie

The Community is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table and the Community
Rev. John O'Neal

*Hymn 424
I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table
WELCOME TABLE
During the hymn, those desiring to join as members are welcome to come forward and let one of our ministers know so that we might formally welcome them to our table and ministry here at Midway Hills.

Welcome to the Table
Rev. John O'Neal
Gluten-free crackers are available for communion in the white cups. The elders, deacons and ministers are served last to symbolize our being servants in leadership.

Prayers at the Table
Nancy Caldwell

Communion
My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Greg Nunn, organist
Dale Wood

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

*Closing Hymn 595
Be Thou My Vision
SLANE

*Charge and Benediction
Rev. Kyle Walker

Postlude
God of Grace
Paul Manz
Greg Nunn, organist