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Sunday, February 15, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday

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Accommodations: Faith offers large print hymnals and Bibles, magnifiers, printed versions of the sermon, FM wireless assistive listening devices, and noise-cancelling headphones for your use located on the white bookshelf at the Sanctuary entrance. Please feel free to use what you need and return. If you have any questions, please ask the welcome hosts at the Sanctuary entrance or contact Jennifer Young, Faith's Accessibility Coordinator, at [young.jennifer@gmail.com](mailto:young.jennifer@gmail.com) to request any other accommodations for future worship services.

## WE GATHER

Centering

Prelude: *Sonata in Darkness* (2021), Excerpts      Ann Bartlow, piano  
Michael Giacchino b. 1967

Welcome      Nancy Kneisly, Outreach Team chair

Call to Worship      Bruce Werber, liturgist

ONE: When blame blinds us,

**ALL: Christ offers clarity.**

ONE: When fear silences truth,

**ALL: Christ speaks boldly.**

ONE: When exclusion seems justified,

**ALL: Christ restores community.**

ONE: Come, let us worship the God

**ALL: who helps us see differently. Amen.**

Confession and Pardon      Bruce Werber

ONE: God of truth and compassion,

**ALL: we confess our impulse to explain  
suffering rather than relieve it,  
to judge rather than listen,  
to protect systems instead of people.**

**Forgive us for the ways we remain blind  
to our own prejudice and fear.**

**Heal our sight, O God. Amen.**

Passing the Peace

## WORD

Anthem: *I've Got a Robe* (1987)

Chancel Choir  
Dr. Michael Wu, Director  
Spiritual, arr. Raymond Wise, living

Text: I've got a robe, you've got a robe, all of God's children got a robe, | When I get to heaven gonna put on my robe, | I'm gonna walk around heaven all day. || I've got shoes, you've got shoes, all of God's children got shoes, | When I get to heaven gonna put on my shoes, | I'm gonna walk around heaven all day. || When I get there how happy I will be.

Scripture Reading: John 9:1-41

Bruce Werber and Readers

Reader's Theater based on the scripture in John.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Message

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

\*Hymn #585: *This Little Light of Mine*

Congregation Ann  
Bartlow, organ

## WONDER

Mission Moment: Foundation Grantees

Jennifer Freeman, Community FarmShare  
Lynn Rose, Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Offertory Prayer

Bruce Werber

## WHAT NOW?

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

\*Hymn: TFWS #2151: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*  
Refer to the insert

Congregation  
Ann Bartlow, organ

Sending Forth

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Postlude: *Festal March* (1920)

Ann Bartlow, organ  
Florence B. Price (1887 - 1953)

Acknowledgments: Reader's Theater John 9:1-41-Contemporary English Version (CEV);  
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## VISITORS



If you are new to Faith United Methodist Church, welcome! We encourage you to scan the QR code to let us know that you joined us today. If you would rather, you may complete a blue guest card that is available from a welcome host, then drop it in the offering chest.

## OFFERING

We are not passing an offering plate at this time. An offering box has been placed on the welcome table in the Narthex. You may also scan the QR code to give online.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

*Sundays at 5:00 p.m.*

This evening, middle and high school youth will meet at N. Bethesda UMC (10100 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda) for activities, food and fun. For questions, contact Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator, at [ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com](mailto:ssmedberg@faithworkshere.com).

## FAITH FOUNDATION

Today and the past two Sundays, we have featured our six grantees for 2025: Gaithersburg Beloved Community Foundation, \$2,000; Rockville Housing Enterprises Foundation, \$2,000; Just Neighbors, \$2,000; Aspen Hill Cooperative Nursery School, \$1,600; and at today's service, Community FarmShare, \$2,000; Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.

The foundation's policy is to distribute annually to charities any positive difference between investment income and the cost-of-living increase. The foundation offers grants of no more than \$2,000 apiece to not-for-profit organizations. Grants are decided upon by the foundation board appointed by the Leadership Board.

We encourage Faith UMC members to consider contributing to the Faith Foundation should you wish to support organizations serving our neighbors.

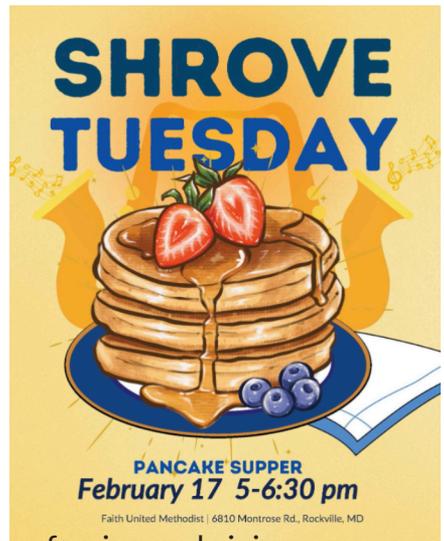
## BLOWOUT PANCAKE SUPPER

*Tuesday, February 17 at 5 p.m.*

On February 17, Faith Church is celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Shrove Tuesday is your last chance for a blowout meal—gluten-free available—before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent.

The day is also known as Mardi Gras, so be ready to eat king cake and find the baby, listen to New Orleans jazz, make your own mask, and just generally be in a celebratory mood.

By the way, shrove refers to hearing a confession and giving absolution—but we'll never tell.



## THE GOOD NEWS

Look for the Lent issue of *The Good News* in your email TUESDAY morning. If you don't use email, a paper copy will be mailed to you.

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

*Sunday, February 22 following worship*

This event has been rescheduled for February 22nd. We hope you will join us!

# Love in action is UNSTOPPABLE



United  
Women  
in Faith



**Sunday, February 22, 2026**  
following worship in room 205/206  
at Faith UMC  
6810 Montrose Rd  
Rockville, MD 20852

## United Women in Faith Interest Meeting

Come learn, connect, and see what sisterhood in action looks like.

Curious about United Women in Faith? This is a relaxed, come-as-you-are gathering to learn more about who we are, what we stand for, and how women of all ages are living out love in action.

Whether you're new, returning, or just exploring, there's a seat for you.



JOIN US AND BECOME  
**UNSTOPPABLE**

Scan QR Code to join us on UWFaith  
Digital

Rev. Laura Novell, Pastor  
Nancy Kneisly, President, UWFaith

### What to expect:

- Fellowship and conversation
- Overview of United Women in Faith
- Ways to get involved locally
- There will be time for questions.

You can find more information on our national website [UWFaith.org](http://UWFaith.org). All are welcome. Bring a friend. Stay curious. Come as you are.

# LENTEN SERIES

## REPAIR IS RADICAL

**Ash Wednesday — February 18 at 7:30 p.m.**

John 10:1-18

*Beginning the Work of Mending — Returning to the Shepherd*

**Lent 1 — February 22 at 10:00 a.m.**

John 11:1-44

*Mending Our Relationship with Grief*

**Lent 2 — March 1 at 10:00 a.m.**

John 13:1-17

*Mending Our Need for Control*

**Lent 3 — March 8 at 10:00 a.m.**

John 18:12-27

*Mending Our Fear and Denial*

**Lent 4 — March 15 at 10:00 a.m.**

John 18:28-40

*Mending Our Relationship with Truth*

**Lent 5 — March 22 at 10:00 a.m.**

John 19:1-16a

*Mending Human Dignity*

**Palm/Passion Sunday — March 29 at 10:00 a.m.**

John 19:16b-22

*Mending Faith Under Empire*

**Maundy Thursday — April 2 at 7:30 p.m.**

John 19:23-30

*Mending Through Love Poured Out*

**Good Friday — April 3 at 7:30 p.m.**

John 19:31-42

*Mending in the Presence of Death*

**Easter (Communion) — April 5 at 10:00 a.m.**

John 20:1-18

*Mending Hope*

**Easter 2 — April 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

John 20:19-31

*Mending Belief and Doubt*

## DONATE YOUR SCRAP FABRIC

To prepare for Lent, the worship team seeks scrap fabric that can be cut up and used throughout the season. If you have scrap fabric laying around that you are willing to donate, please drop it off near the office in the next two weeks. Many thanks!

## SERVING US TODAY

Acolyte: Grace Basford

Audio Visual Volunteers: Eric Winchenbach, Brian Hahs

Congregational Welcome: Nancy Kneisly

Fellowship Hosts: James & Rachel Hedrick

Liturgist: Bruce Werber

Money Counters: Jane Rall, Jim Johnston

Nursery Caregiver: Gary Clark, Tessa Ricketts

Online Host: Linda Pickle

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

Sunday School Teachers:

- Elementary School Teachers: Dawn Adair Johnson, Jane Rall, Nancy Hart, Susan Jones
- Middle School Teachers: Bill Maas, Laura Basford
- High School Teachers: James Hedrick, Ryan Miller

Welcoming Host: Bill Beisner, Gordon Henley

## FAITH UMC STAFF

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor | Ann Bartlow, Organist | André Coleman, Tenor Section Leader | Keshika Dias, Facilities Manager | Valerie Kunsman, Office Administrator | Tessa Ricketts, Nursery Staff | Suzanne Smedberg, Youth Coordinator | Kim Webster, Finance Manager | Dr. Michael Wu, Music Director

# TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

## Juice, Joe, & Justice

Third Sundays after  
Worship  
~11:15

JOIN US FOR  
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT  
INTERSECTIONALITY  
THROUGH THE LENS OF  
OUR IDENTITY AS  
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST.



You are all invited to join the Juice, Joe, and Justice discussion today after worship in the youth room (room 206).

We will be continuing our conversation on migrants and refugees. Please feel free to visit Fellowship Time first and then bring your food up with you.

At this session we will discuss the first chapter in the study guide: *Called to Journey, Called to Welcome: A Biblical Perspective on Immigration*. We will survey your interest in continuing the six chapters monthly as a series for Juice, Joe and Justice, and whether some may wish to meet more frequently to more quickly, with this or other study resources, to enhance our understanding of how we are called to respond to challenges faced by our neighbors.

## 2151 I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1. I'm so glad,  
2. Sa - tan had me bound, } Je - sus lift - ed me,  
3. When I was in trou - ble, }

I'm so glad,  
Sa - tan had me bound, } Je - sus lift - ed me,  
when I was in trou - ble, }

I'm so glad,  
Sa - tan had me bound, } Je - sus lift - ed me, sing - ing  
when I was in trou - ble, }

glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Je - sus lift - ed me.

WORDS: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual

I'M SO GLAD  
Irregular