

Order of Worship
February 23, 2020 – Transfiguration Sunday

Announcements and Prelude

Call to Worship – from Hebrews 11:1, 8-10

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for,
and certain of what we do not see.

***By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place
he would later receive as his inheritance,
obeyed and went,***

even though he did not know where he was going.

By faith he made his home in the promised land
like a stranger in a foreign country;
he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob,
who were heirs with him of the same promise.

***For he was looking forward to the city with foundations,
whose architect and builder is God.***

Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* #529

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (#895)

Responsive Reading – From Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-19

By faith Abraham made his home in the promised land
like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents ...

***For he was looking forward to the city with foundations,
whose architect and builder is God.***

By faith Abraham, when God tested him,
offered Isaac as a sacrifice.

***He who had received the promises was about to
sacrifice his one and only son,
even though God had said to him,***

“It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”

***Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead,
and figuratively speaking,
he did receive Isaac back from death.***

Gloria Patri (#70) and Apostles' Creed (#881)

Monthly Testimony Sunday

For God has not given us a spirit of fear,
but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Melchizedek priest of God Most High blessed Abraham,
and Abraham gave him a tenth of everything.

Genesis 14:18-20

Doxology (#95) and Prayer

Scripture John 8:52-58

Sermon

Abraham and Jesus:
The Incredible Claim, the Ultimate Claim

***“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered,
“before Abraham was born, I am!”***

John 8:58

Hymn *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* #361

Benediction

Bible Study & Prayer Groups

10:00 am Mondays at Jean Christman's

10:00 am Wednesdays at Poplar Valley Social Hall

Ash Wednesday Community Service

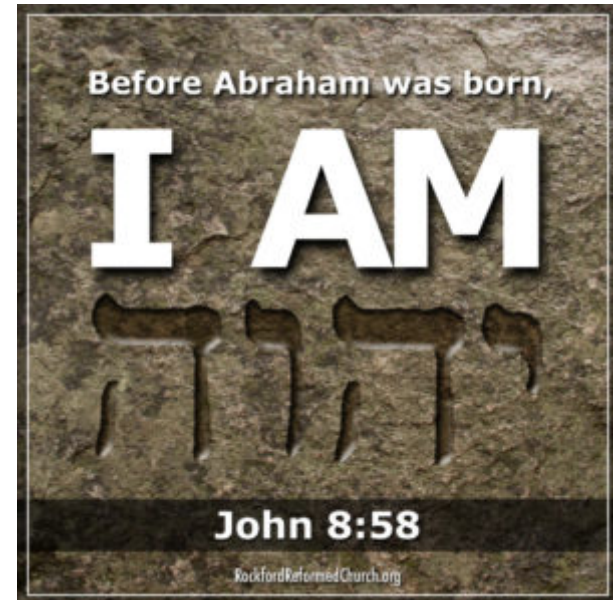
7:00 p.m. This Wednesday, Feb. 26 at East Stroudsburg UMC
83 S. Courtland St., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

The Suffering and Glory of the Servant – Isaiah 42:1, 49:1, 50:4

Lenten Season Holy Communion

Next Sunday, March 1, 2020

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North District Tools for Ministry Training

8:30am-12:45pm Sat, March 7 – Asbury UMC Allentown

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