



Our Mission: To serve and unite those we touch with the Grace of God.

Our Vision: Transforming lives to become the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit

January 9, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Service

For everyone's safety, please wear a mask for today's service.



The Baptism
of Jesus

Prelude "Amazing Grace" - arr. Line

Welcome and Announcements

*Choir Introit "Come Followers of Christ" - Butler

*Call to Worship

We gather to worship the Living Water!

Spring up, Oh Well, within our souls.

In our dry and arid places, Water of Baptism, refresh us.

Stir up inside of us, renew us Living Water.

Burst forth within us!

Source.

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Overflow; saturate the stagnant areas of our lives; reconnect us to You, our true
Let us remember our baptism and be thankful!
Take us to the waters. Let us renew our baptismal vows in celebration. Amen.

***Hymn#605** “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” all verses

Affirmation of Faith - A Vision of God - Unison

We are a community of faith.
We share a vision of God:
a God whose spirit is love,
accessible to all yet beyond our knowing;
the source of all being,
the way leading to wholeness,
the spirit which pervades everything.

Anthem “A Time for Hope, A Time for Joy” - Price/Besig

Centering Prayer/Time of Silence

-please observe silence for personal meditation and prayer

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-18, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

Message

***Hymn/TFWS #2218** “**You are Mine**” verses 1, 2 and 4

Affirmation of Faith - The Sacred Story - Unison

We search for the meaning of God and our own experience revealed in those sacred stories which have been passed down to us. We tell them again and again:

Of God the Creator, the Almighty, who made everything that is, and saw that it was good.

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Of Jesus of Nazareth, who in history lived among us, healed the afflicted, taught, suffered and died. He forgave those who crucified him. In the mystery of the resurrection he continues to live more profoundly through the ages, the Incarnation of Love, the Christ.

He shows us the Way which leads to the reconciliation of all things, saying “Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me.”

Of the Spirit, the Breath, the Wind of God, the Giver of Life, the Holy Wisdom, who inspires the people of God to cry out for justice for the powerless and oppressed, to see the presence of God in every created thing, and to respond with love.

Of the communion of saints: all the people of God, living, dead and yet to be born, who are empowered to recognize that they are, and always have been, brothers and sisters, one family in God.

- pause for a moment of silence and reflection

Offertory “Children of the Heavenly Father” - Trad. Swedish

***Doxology - Hymn #94 - Projected**

***Offertory Prayer - Unison**

From You, O God, You’ve offered Yourself generously. From Us, O Christ, back to You we offer ourselves. From the Spirit, may these offerings serve Your purpose of generosity beyond us. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith and Remembering Our Baptism - The Way of Jesus - Unison

We are reborn in the Spirit, followers of that Way shown by Jesus:

to love God with our whole being;

to love our neighbors as ourselves;

to treat others as we would have them treat us;

to strive for justice and peace;

to have respect and compassion for every person and for the whole of creation;

to forgive those who do us harm;

to love one another as Christ has loved us.

***Hymn #393** “Spirit of the Living God” verse 2

Time of Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer - Unison

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.

*Hymn #2223/TFWS “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” verses 1 and 4

*Blessing and Benediction

*Song of Peace - *Projected*

Postlude

“Our God is Great”

- arr. Wilson



We plan on taking down the Christmas decorations after the service **TODAY**. It would be great if a number of people could stick around to help out. The more hands, the quicker it will go. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Grace UMC



to those who participated in making our back-in-person Christmas Holiday service a blessed and merry one. This includes the decorators, the candle lighters and readers, the worship helpers for all services, the children who participated in the pageant, and the parents that helped, the choir, those who helped with the Wednesday night children’s gathering, those who donated to Armful of Love and the 360 Communities Giving Food Tree, and to anyone we may have missed.

WORSHIP HELPERS: Serving us **TODAY:** Greeter: Glenda Wheelock; Usher: Rick Fossum; Sound: Roy Koenigsberg; Liturgist: James Milne; Acolyte: _____

WORSHIP HELPERS: Serving us on Sunday, **January 16th, 2022** ~ 10:00 a.m. service: Greeter: Cara Kennedy; Usher: Chuck Loveless; Sound: Ed Sanders; Liturgist: Bill Macklin; Acolyte: Max Halsted

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