



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: God created us and is always with us.

People: God has redeemed us and calls us by name.

Leader: Through our baptism, God's Spirit dwells in us.

People: When we pass through times of difficulty and stress, God walks with us.

Leader: When we are discouraged, lost, and alone, God comforts us.

People: Do not fear, for God's love will never fail.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

"Who You Say I Am"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ.

People: We confess that we are preoccupied with ourselves, separating ourselves from one another.

Leader: We allow the past to hold us captive.

People: We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and break relationships.

Leader: We have looked on others with prejudice and suspicion.

People: We have behaved in unloving ways.

Leader: Forgive us for our blindness.

People: Send Your Holy Spirit to cleanse and recreate us, that we may be strengthened to proclaim Your love and justice to all people.

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The God who created you says this: "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." My friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are chosen, called, and forgiven. Thanks be to God! AMEN

Doxology

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Morning Prayer

Rev. Gary Ihfe

Hymn of Reflection

"Be Not Afraid"

Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:15-22

Sermon

"The Power of Water"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

Renewal of Baptism

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Commitment

"Baptized in Water"

Benediction