



# 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