
Welcome to Wesley United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 8, 2023 – Baptism of The Lord

GATHERING and PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We are so glad you are here! All are welcomed and celebrated here.
Please join us for coffee and treats in the dining hall after worship.

An offering plate for contributions to the church's ministry is located at the back of the sanctuary as you depart. Thank you for your giving!

+Those who are able may stand

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The voice of God prods our hearing.

People: The activity of God stretches our seeing.

Leader: Together they invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows.

People: From there we may rise to go, to dare, to walk, and to serve beyond where we have been before.

Leader: Let us sing and worship God together with grateful spirits!

+HYMN Baptized in Water **2248**

+OPENING PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace and glory, You call us with Your voice of flame to be Your people, faithful and courageous. As Your beloved Son embraced His mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of Your Spirit to join in His transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-9

PSALM READING Psalm 29

+GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:13-17

This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

SERMON Pastor Ruth Sanders

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the water that cleanses us, the land that feeds us, and the air that allows us to breathe Your Spirit in and out of us; You claim us in our baptism, but too often, we forget. And if we remember - or imagine -our baptism, we rarely grasp its meaning and power. Forgive us and help us to remember that in the baptismal waters, we – like Christ - are commissioned to go: to teach, preach, heal, and even to take up a cross. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

+HYMN As We Gather at Your Table **2268**

Sacrament of Holy Communion



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+HYMN I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry **2051**

MUSICAL POSTLUDE FOR REFLECTION

(You may be seated for a time of peaceful reflection)

+BENEDICTION

May the waters of God's grace surround you and uphold you. May your baptisms strengthen you for the work ahead. And may the Spirit that descended upon Jesus at his baptism fall upon your shoulders as you seek to do God's will. Amen.

+SENDING (Responsive)

Leader: Our worship in the sanctuary has ended.

People: Our service in the world begins!

Leader: Go in peace.

Musician: MaryJane Kurpius-Brock

Lay-Reader: Connie Gilmore

Contact Pastor Ruth if you'd like a visit or stop by and see her.

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Sun., January 15, 2022

10:45 am *Worship Service - Preaching: Pastor Mike Ozaki*

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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