



**Reaching Up, Reaching Out
Welcoming Everyone,
Serving in God's Love**

January 9, 2022
9:30 AM

Order of Worship

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One week into the New Year, Lord, we thank you
for walking with us through all time and eternity.

Boldface type: The congregation speaks in unison

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Lead Me Lord
David Atkins Pianist

(Hayes)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are marked as God's beloved ones.

What have we done to deserve God's love?

God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

God's love never vanishes from us.

Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us.

HYMN

Gather Us In

#2236 vs.1,2&4

1. Here in this place new light is streaming
Now is the darkness vanished away see in
this space our fears and our dreaming's
Brought here to you in the light of this day
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken gather
us in, the blind and the lame call to us
now and we shall awaken we shall arise
at the sound of our name

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining
Not in some heaven light years away
But here in this place the new light is
Shining now is the kingdom, now is the
day gather us in and hold us forever
gather us in and make us your own
Gather us in, all peoples together fire of
love in our flesh and our bones fire of love
in our flesh and our bones

2. We are the young, our lives are a
Mystery we are the old who yearn for your
face we have been sung throughout all
of history called to be light to the whole
human race gather us in, the rich and the
haughty gather us in, the proud and the
strong give us a heart so meek and so
lowly give us the courage to enter the
song



God of Hope and Light, in the midst of darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Canon
Glory Bells

(Pachelbel)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Meg Estrada

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.' The Baptism of Jesus. 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.'

HYMN*Breath on Me Breath of God**

#420 vs.1-4

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| 1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do. | 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure. |
| 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine. | 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity. |

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7

Restoration and Protection Promised

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia, and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west, I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up, and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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Eternal God, from the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Doug Williams

RESPONSE

Into My Heart

#2160 vs.1

1. Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus; come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, unleash the potential in the gifts for the mission we bring, the potential to relieve the suffering, heal the brokenhearted, and promote justice for the oppressed. Unleash the potential in the gifts we embody, that our lives may be witness to your goodness and grace. Amen.

BAPTISIM RENEWAL

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church...

Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.



Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God: When nothing existed but chaos ... Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus... He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit... For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.



All praise to you, Eternal God, through your son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

HYMN **It is Well With My Soul** #377 vs.1,2&4

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

BLESSING

PEOPLES RESPONSE **Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place** #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace, I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

POSTLUDE In Christ There is No East of West (Wood)



Prayer Request

... from Kathi LaFee, for mt granddaughter who has PTSD and depression.

... from Angie Broncano, please pray for my InMission Episode.

... for Judy Gonzalez who is in the hospital with COVID.

... from Romulo Jr., for Joshua and Mary



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