

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070 and on Facebook Live

GATHERING AND GREETING

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Ever Blessing

Trey Clegg

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Parish Notes Reverend Rodney Denton

Call to Worship

The voice of God resounds upon the water. Ps. 29; Luke 3:21-22

**The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

The Son of God is named, “Beloved.”

**And all who worship shout out, “Glory!”**

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

**Let us worship God in holy splendor.**

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Song of Praise

Speak, O Lord

Getty & Townend

Ty Thrift, tenor

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Moment with the Children Reverend Lynda Hepler

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Ty Thrift, tenor

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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sermon

Sorry, No Favorites

Reverend Danny Leonard

Acts 10:34-38

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Rev. Hepler

Brothers and sisters in Christ:  
Through the Sacrament of Baptism  
we are initiated into Christ’s holy Church.  
We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation  
and given new birth through water and the Spirit.  
All this is God’s gift, offered to us without price.

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.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Rev. Leonard

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.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Rev. Leonard

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.  
**Even so, come Lord Jesus!**

Let us pray.  
Almighty God, the life you birthed in us  
by baptism into Jesus Christ  
will never die.  
Yet, we walk so far away  
and we forget its power.  
We parch ourselves.

**We are dry and thirsty, O God.  
Come, refresh us!**  
Come upon us, Holy Spirit!  
**Come upon us, Holy Spirit!**  
Come upon these waters.  
**Come upon these waters.**

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.  
**Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.**  
Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.  
**Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.**  
Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

**Glory to you!**  
Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!  
**Glory to you!**  
Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!  
**Glory to you!**  
Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!  
**All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!**

*As we begin a new year, we are encouraged to rededicate our lives and our church to Christ. You are invited to touch the water as you exit worship this morning and remember your baptism. If you have not been baptized and would like to be, speak with one of our pastors.*

SENDING FORTH

Response

Shall We Gather at the River?

Greg Howlett

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Benediction Rev. Leonard

Benediction Response

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*  
Ty Thrift, tenor

DENNIS

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*


Postlude

*In Thee Is Gladness*  
*In thee is gladness, amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,  
thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls thou makest, our bonds thou breakst;  
who trusts thee surely hath built securely,  
and stands forever. Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining;  
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;  
naught can us sever. Alleluia!*

Robert A. Hobby

What to Expect at Indoor Worship

- Some pews are blocked to maintain social distancing.
- Face masks are required for everyone.
- Out of respect for others, please refrain from shaking hands or hugging.
- Offering plates are available at the entrance and exit of the sanctuary.
- At the end of the service, the congregation will be dismissed by section.
- No nursery staff are present, but the nursery space is available.



Today's Scripture

Acts 10:34-38 (NRSV)

Gentiles Hear the Good News

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Announcements

UMW ZOOM GATHERINGS

All women of Memorial are invited to join the United Methodist Women (UMW) monthly Gatherings via Zoom. Gatherings usually are held on the second Saturday of the month, and the time is usually 12:00-12:30 p.m. The Zoom meeting links will be sent out a week prior by email. If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Herman for more information.

Zoom Gathering Schedule:

January 9

February 13

March 13

April 17 (3rd Saturday)

May 8

June 12

Prayer List

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 336-259-5814. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch to let us know how that person is doing, as names are removed after three weeks. During the coming week, please pray for:

Zeb Hanner, Sr.

Andy and Joyce Royals

Ronnie Dancy

Dorann Edwards and family

The family of Florence Highsmith

Amos Fisher

Mike Lanning

Britt Martin Williams

Peggy Graham

Cyril Harrington

Brad Hulin

Jessie Collett

Roy Flanagan

Our country and healing for all

Jennifer Ruff

Margie Collins

Carol Kaiser

Josef Walker

Dean Sharpe-Austin

Finley Price family

Andrea Cain and family

Tim Priska

Chris Eddinger

Peace and justice in our nation, state, and city

Our first responders, medical community, and essential workers

All those affected by COVID-19

All military personnel

Our United Methodist missionaries

The United Methodist Church

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Tommy Poole and family on the death of Tommy's father on January 7, 2021.

Calendar

SUNDAY JANUARY 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Allen Brown

11 Live Worship In-Person & Online

2-3:30 Youth: Winter Olympics

MONDAY JANUARY 11

10 10@10 Devotion

TUESDAY JANUARY 12

9-10 Men's Prayer Group (Contact: Tim Lyons, tlyons00@gmail.com)

9-11 Sewing Ministry

10 10@10 Devotion

5:30 Yoga

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13

The Weekly Update (Facebook Live)

6 Youth Small Groups Online

THURSDAY JANUARY 14

10 10@10 Devotion

FRIDAY JANUARY 15

10 10@10 Devotion

SUNDAY JANUARY 17

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Harold Vannoy

11 Live Worship In-Person & Online

2-3:30 Youth: Fun Games

UPCOMING:

Jan. 21 Red Cross Blood Drive

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We are called by Christ to Grow in Faith,

Build Relationships, and Serve All People.