

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor
Linda Bange, Director of Music/Organist
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM*

***Order of Worship
January 12, 2025***

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

WELCOME

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. We pray this time will be a blessing to you. Let us begin in silent prayer as we listen to our prelude.

PRELUDE (SOLO)

“Gesù Bambino”

Ken Middleton

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God's voice speaks to our empty hearts.

God invites us to remember our baptism.

God's voice flows like the living waters of grace.

God calls us to be peacemakers to a world of broken hopes.

Let us worship God, remember our baptism and be thankful.

*OPENING HYMN

“Spirit Song”

UMH No.347

OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator, you offered your servant Jesus as Savior to all humankind. His coming among us opened our eyes to the light of justice, peace and salvation. By the River Jordan, you anointed Jesus to carry out his mission. Anoint us now with your Holy Spirit so that we can hear the Word you are speaking to us and respond in how we live each day. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

To a world of brokenness, God speaks of healing. Let us confess how we have failed to hear God speaking to us, as we pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, temptation continues to spin us until we are out of control. We cling to your hope and grace each day. Forgive us and touch us with your Holy Spirit so we may be restored to new life; touch us with your grace, so we may offer forgiveness to all people; touch us with your peace, so we might be healers to this world. Lord, speak to us, help us to listen and respond. This we pray in the name of the One who went into the waters of baptism to cleanse us of our sin, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is finished. Behold, new life has begun. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

TFWS No. 2071

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

The servant songs of Isaiah are like ballads written about Jesus, centuries before he was born. They describe the noble figure and why he is to be revered.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Luke places Jesus' baptism before the start of his public ministry to identify Jesus as the chosen servant foretold by Isaiah.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH No. 393

SERMON

“The Gift of Baptism”

Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

UMH No. 252

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Requests

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

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

Announcements

Offertory (11:00 AM)

"Gifts of The Magi"

Chancel Choir

*Presentation of Gifts

*Doxology

UMH No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, the sacrament of baptism reminds us of all that we have received and all that we are asked to give. We now listen anew for your guidance and direction. Multiply these gifts so others may be baptized in your name. Amen.

*HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God"

TFWS No. 2152

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

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