

**BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**10:30 a.m. Sunday 10 January 2021**  
**First Sunday after the Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord**

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**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

Greeting\*: Let us ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Let us worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The Lord sits enthroned for ever.

**May the Lord bless us with peace. (Psalm 29)**

Praise Choruses: 2008 "Let All Things Now Living"

2248 "Baptized in Water"

2160 "Into My Heart"

Opening Prayer: 253 "Baptism of the Lord"

Opening Hymn: 2114 (Tune 127 ---repeat last phrase)

"At the Font We Start Our Journey"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer of Preparation\*\*:

Holy Word, Holy Maker, Holy Breath,  
you spoke and the light appeared  
beginning the orderly procession of days  
and the ongoing story of creation.

**Help us know the world in the light of your truth,  
that we might hear your voice  
in the Word that is more than words. Amen.**

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

Psalter: 761 Psalm 29

Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

Hymn of Preparation: 252 (Tune 545) "When Jesus Came  
to Jordan"

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-11

Sermon: "Let's talk about it."

Congregational Reaffirmation  
of the Baptismal Covenant : Page 50ff

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

The Peace: Let us offer one another signs  
of reconciliation and love.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**THANKSGIVING**

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offertory

Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession\*:  
Almighty and loving God, as you poured out your Spirit upon  
Jesus at his baptism,  
so pour it out on us this day, that we may be  
a light to the nations.

**Empower us to open eyes that are blind to your majesty;  
give us strength to bring out those who are prisoner**

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**in the darkness of a life lived apart from you.  
Count as your beloved those we have named  
in the congregation,  
and those whom we name in our hearts.  
Bring wholeness to those who suffer  
from any kind of infirmity,  
that they and we may give you thanks and praise.**

**We offer these prayers, and our gifts, and ourselves, to you,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

Closing Hymn: 733 "Marching to Zion"

Benediction\*\*:

Go into the world as the light of Christ,  
pouring out love like a living stream.  
**May the God who is love  
bless you and make you a blessing  
to a world yearning to know how to love.  
Amen.**

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude, Going Forth

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