

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 8 January 2023

Baptism of the Lord

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

*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: 3096 "Gentle Shepherd"
3045 Down By the Jordan"

*Opening Prayer: 253 "Baptism of the Lord"

*Opening Hymn: 428 "For the Healing of the Nations"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: Page 6

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalter: 761 Psalm 29

Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

*Hymn of Preparation: 2052 *(Tune 430)* "The Lone, Wild Bird"

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon: *"And now, this"*

Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant:
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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 prisoners
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"

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*Closing Prayer^:

Almighty God,

your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world.

**Grant that your people, illumined
by your Word and Sacraments,
may shine with the radiance
of Christ's glory,**

**that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth, now and for ever.**

Amen.

(The Book of Common Prayer, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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