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*Discovering God's call, celebrating the Spirit's presence,
Witnessing to Christ's transformative power!*

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Service of Worship
January 10, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

The Baptism of the Lord

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please print your name on a name tag and wear it so that we might greet you. Large print editions of the Bible, the Hymnal, and today's bulletin as well as hearing devices are available from the ushers on request.

■■■ *Prayer of Preparation*

Lord, open my heart this day to your words to me: "You are my beloved. In you I am well pleased." Amen.

Welcome

The Prelude

"The Waters of Baptism"

S. Glick

Choral Introit

■■■ *Greeting Our God with Joy*

The Call to Worship

Daryl Musick

One: Sisters and brothers, today we recall:
Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

**All: In baptism, our Creator claims us
and frees us from the power of hatred and death.**

One: In baptism we are joined to Christ
and we are joined together in unity, recalling

**All: There is no longer Jew or Greek
there is no longer slave or free
there is no longer male or female
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.**

One: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry
and makes us signs of divine love.
It is the mark of acceptance into the church
and the beginning of our growth
into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**All: Therefore on this day,
the whole church, the Body of Christ,
remembers and celebrates.**

One: Let us worship God!

*** The Processional Hymn No. 492**

“Baptized in Water”

■ ■ ■ *Renewing Our Relationship with God*

The Prayer of Confession

Dr. John C. Lentz

**Gracious God, we confess that too often we live
as though we are fearful, not faithful.**

**When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion,
we don't easily pass through them,
but we obsess about the height of the water
instead of the sight of the other side.**

You promised to walk through the rivers with us.

Help us believe.

And help our unbelief.

Based on Isaiah 43: 1-2

A Time of Silent Confession

Kyrie eleison

J. Bell

■ ■ ■ *Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

Assurance of Pardon

One: Thus says the God who created you and formed us in God's image:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

This is the good news!

All: I belong to God.

***Gloria, Gloria No. 576**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

2nd time, men begin; women begin 2 measures later;

Youth begin 2 measures after that.

■ ■ ■ *Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

The Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 43:1-7 (p. xxx)

Psalm 29 (p. xxx)

After the readings

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

Rev. Clover Reuter Beal

“I Belong to God”

The Remembrance of Our Baptisms and Our Baptismal Promises

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be a disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, to resist oppression, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ, as best you are able?

People answer silently to themselves

Pastor: And do you promise, according to the grace given to you, to grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of the church, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering God's mission in all the world?

The Reaffirmation of Baptism

Pastor: If you choose, you may come forward to recall the promises of your baptism – made either by you or on your behalf. If you have never been baptized, consider whether you would like to start the journey toward your formal commitment, and speak to one of the pastors following the service.

Please come forward and as you touch your forehead with water, say

I am God's beloved!

Music during Reaffirmation

trad.

“Down By the River”

The Prayer of Recommitment

All: By your Spirit, Almighty God, grant us

Love for others, joy in serving you,

Peace in disagreement, patience in suffering,

Kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times,

Faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition,

Self-control in all things.

Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

please use debts, debtors

The Ritual of Friendship

all are asked to sign the tablets as a record of attendance

The Offertory

Jed Koops

“The Waters of Baptism”

Lisa Koops, soprano

*** The Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

■ ■ ■ *Going Forth to Live as God’s People*

*** The Closing Hymn No. 494**

“Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

*** The Commission and Blessing**

*** The Choral Benediction**

*** The Passing of the Peace**

■ ■ ■ *The Postlude*

J. Langlais

“Pasticcio”



The crucifer today is Emily Mervine.

■ ■ ■ *Parish Notes*

Chancel Flowers

The flowers today are given by Randy and Sara Shaner in loving memory of their parents, Eric and Ruth Pickersgill and Edwin and Evelyn Shaner.

Prayer Concerns this Week

Nick Baumgartner	Jason Himmelsteib	Debbie Ungemach
Polly Cohen	Mary Jean Kent	Eleanor Shankland
Marian Frederick	Elizabeth Kosnik	Dennis Wedding
Barney Fuller	Mary Lewis	Marcie Weissner
David Gury	Connie May	Doug, Marcie and Lucy Harvey
Dorothy Hales	Marilyn Oviatt	Jerry & Loretta Lassarella

<p align="center">In Memoriam We Remember Louise Barnhart Fuller (Barney) Who died January 6, 2010 I am the resurrection and I am the life, says the Lord</p>

This Month’s Ushers

Kevin Stauffer, Lead Usher; Joe Andrews, Nick Baumgartner, Charles Ishler, Jane Ishler, Kate Monaghan, Daryl Musick, Victoria Sampson. Roger Heineman, Head Usher

Nursery care for babies and young children is available on the second floor of the Monticello Wing.

■ ■ ■ *Announcements*

TODAY

Welcome Visitors!

Please stop by the Visitor Information table in the Courtyard Foyer following worship. We’re looking forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Visitor welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex.

Bread for Sale

The January rotation in Pathways to the Promise Land (grades 1 – 5) is *The Feeding of the 5000*. In this story a boy shares his lunch and witnesses the presence of God. We too can witness God’s presence if we keep our hearts and minds open to the possibilities. The grade-school children will be baking loaves of bread to sell during Coffee Hour. All the proceeds will go towards the *Bright Stars of Bethlehem Scholarship Fund*, which is the Pathways to the Promise Land mission opportunity. This program provides out-of-school enrichment for the children of Bethlehem in the West Bank. Please support our children as they witness how their efforts make a difference in another child’s life.

THIS WEEK

Bible and Bagels

Bible and Bagels meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Jin Room. All are welcome! The scripture this week is **1 Corinthians 12: 1-11**.

NEXT SUNDAY

Adult Education: 9:30 in South Hall

- Jan. 10 Christians in the Middle East
Dr. Peter Makari, Executive Dir. Global Ministries, Middle East and Europe,
UCC and Disciples Churches
- Jan. 17 How Then Shall We Live?
Spiritual disciplines as a way to grow in your faith Rev. Clover Beal
- Jan. 24 How Do I Pray? Tom Zych and Clover Beal
- Jan. 31 Praying for Your Life

LOOKING AHEAD

Care Group

The Mt. Sinai Care Group is responsible for meeting members' needs during January. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will then be passed on to the Care group leaders.

✦ Members of this month's Care group are:

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| Janet Kickel, Deacon and leader | Nina Klein |
| Allen Ball | Mary Lewis |
| Scott & Amy Bell and family | Julie & Gary Lusic |
| Bob & Joanne Bielek | Brooke Marcy and family |
| Guy Cameron and family | The McCumber family |
| Betty & Don Clark | Dave & Jane Olson and family |
| Sue Conant | Joyce Peters |
| Ralph & Molly Dise | Graham & Roz Peters |
| Jane Frederick & family | Jim Picht & Rebecca Martin and family |
| Donna Frey | Matt & Katie Russo and family |
| Sue Gifford & family | Sara & Randy Shaner |
| Don & Nancy Grube | Anona Stack |
| Barb Hansen | Lorian, Ralph & Fran Thomas |
| Jason & Christine Hidek and family | Ann & Peter Williams |
| Chuck & Jane Ishler | Betty Woodruff |
| Callie Janor | Warren & Lois Young |

This week's volunteers: Roz Peters (Continental Breakfast); Randy and Sara Shaner (Coffee Hour); Rosaneil Schenk (Greeting Cards); Brooke Marcy and Betty Clark (Greeters); Hazel Grant (Flowers)

Social Groups and Circles

Pacesetters (singles and couples, 40s – 50s)

The Pacesetters will gather at the home of Dave and Chris Bell (3040 Scarborough, Cleveland Hts) on Saturday, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. for a potluck (appetizer or dessert, BYOB) and planning party. RSVP to Chris or Dave Bell (216-932-6992 or Chris3040@aol.com) . Bring ideas for 2010 and a donation for the FHC food cupboard.

Iris Circle (all women of the church)

Iris Circle will meet Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 p.m. in South Hall. Dave Olson will speak to us about money management. All are welcome.

■■■ **FHC Youth**

Sine Nomine Choir: Sine Nomine will rehearse in the chapel immediately after worship today.

MOB: Mid Highs will meet on Fridays January 8 and 22 this month (6 – 8 p.m.).
Senior Highs will meet every Sunday from 5 – 7 p.m.

■■■ **The Lessons**

Next Sunday: Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalm 36: 5-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11. As part of your daily devotions, read the lessons. What image or word catches your attention? How do they settle or challenge you? Keep notes of your observations in a journal. Set aside part of each day for prayer and study. The lectionary readings for each Sunday are included in the "Sundays in January" page of the **TOWER**.

Please plan to attend

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

With Election of Officers

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Lunch will be served immediately after worship

The meeting will follow lunch

All members and visitors are encouraged to attend

Child care will be provided

Calendar: January 10 - 17, 2010

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of the Lord

9:30 Child care begins
Adult and Youth education
Descant Choir
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
11:00 WORSHIP
Pathways to the Promise Land
12:15 Coffee Hour
Sine Nomine Choir
Mission trip mtg: El Salvador
5:00 Faith Leader
MOB: Sr. High

Monday, January 11

TOWER deadline

7:00 p.m. Al Anon
Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)
7:30 p.m. Borton Group (AA)
Boy Scout Troop #403

Tuesday, January 12

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #36 (dens)

Wednesday, January 13

7:30 p.m. Bible and Bagels
6:00 p.m. Yoga
7:00 p.m. Session meeting

Thursday, January 14

6:20 p.m. Voices in Bronze
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
Forest Hill Swim Club

Friday, January 15

9:30 a.m. Al Anon
1:00 p.m. Hilltoppers

Saturday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Men's Group
9:00 a.m. CEIRS class
7:30 p.m. Pacesetters

Sunday, January 17

9:00 Project Committee mtg
9:30 Child care begins
Adult and Youth education
Descant Choir
10:15 Descant Choir activity
10:30 Chancel Choir
Continental Breakfast
11:00 WORSHIP
Pathways to the Promise Land
12:15 Lunch
Annual Meeting of the Congregation
5:00 Faith Leader
MOB: Sr. High

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Isaiah 43:1-7

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."

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!