

Epiphany -1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

01/13/2019

10:00 am

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A special word of welcome to those visiting our church today. We are happy you joined us in worship. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to worship with us each Sunday and to participate in other activities and services here.

Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (\*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.

GATHERING  
CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “The Faithful Shepherd: Maestoso” Nancy Cook, Organist  
“Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty” Chancel Choir

Welcome and Announcements Pastor and Congregation  
(The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship.)

\*Note: Please be informed that our worship service is being recorded and carried live on face book and our website

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE  
(Thank you for completing the yellow half sheet in the bulletin and dropping it in the offering plate. We greet those around us with words of welcome and peace.)

\*Call to Worship: **The Voice Comes**.....Leader and People  
L: The Father’s voice bears witness to The Begotten Son;  
**C: God has shown Himself to us!**  
L: The Son bows his head beneath the water of River Jordan;  
**C: The LORD GOD reveals Himself through the only Begotten Son.**  
L: The Christ submits to John’s Baptism in obedience to the Father’s will;  
**C: Christ’s obedience demonstrates the Father’s desire for our obedience!**  
L: God’s love is seen and experienced from one end of the earth to another;  
**TOGETHER: God has shown himself to us through the Son. The Son’s Baptism opens the door to our cleansing from the power and dominion of sin. Amen!**  
(Mark 1:1-9; Luke 3:21-23)

OPENING HYMN # 252 When Jesus Came to Jordan

OPENING PRAYER: UNISON

Creating God, you told us through the prophet; “fear not, for I am with you. I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through rivers,, they will not over run you. You are precious in my eyes, and I love you.” As you keep your promise, help us fulfill our baptismal vows, O God. From the beginning your Spirit has moved over the waters. From the water life comes; by water life is sustained; and through water new life begins. May we each hear you in that small still voice within us saying, “This is my beloved daughter; this is my beloved son; with them I am well pleased!” Merciful God, by the power of thy Spirit, renew our faith, strengthen our unity and grant us boldness to witness to your unconditional love and care in the name of Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Redeemer. Amen!

CHILDREN’S TIME PASTOR

PRAISE TEAM

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURES

New Testament: Acts 19: 1-7  
Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God  
Cong: Thanks be to God

Choir Anthem “Wade in the Water” Nancy Cook, Director

Gospel: Mark 1: 4-11  
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WITNESSING TO THE WORD

Theme: Baptism - its True essence

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor  
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.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Joy McClelland: Custodian**

**Nancy Cook: Choir Director**

**OFFERING and OFFERTORY**

**Words of Invitation & Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**            “God of the Sparrow” (hymn tune)            Nancy Cook,  
**Organist**

**\* The Doxology # 95**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

**In partial fulfilment of our baptismal and membership pledge to support the ministries of your Church by our prayers, presence, gifts including money and service, we present ourselves along with our tithes and offerings. Merciful God, accept, bless and use our gifts and us to touch and transform lives in our community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen!**

**\*UMH # 536**

*Precious Name*

**\*SENDING FORTH IN GOD’S LOVE AND CARE/ CHRSTIMAS BENEDICTION:**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**Thank you for being a part of today’s worship experience.**

**Rest assured God loves you, and so do we!**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Pastor: Rev. Jakes Voker**

**Administrative Assistant: Liza Michna**

**Nancy Cook: Organist**

**Jeff Fernholz: Treasurer**

**Sue Mills: Parish Visitor**

**Connie Boehm: Liturgist**

**Jeanne Whiteside: Media Coordinator**

**Dennis Clay: Pianist**

**HELP NEEDED**

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The current need is: Jane Crawford, 3648 Green Street, her phone number is 639-6989

Thank you in advance for your help!!

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF OUR PARISH AND THE WORLD**

*Prayers for Loretta and her family.*

Prayers for the Lewis family as they grieve the loss of their mother.

Prayers for Blessing and physical healing for Howaida.

Prayers for Cindy Hellesen for a break thru with an emotional situation and a sound mind.

Prayers for Heather Schattner for favor with reuniting with her children.

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