

**Centenary United Methodist Church**  
Our Mission: “Love God, Serve Others”  
Traditional Service  
First Sunday after the Epiphany  
Baptism of the Lord  
January 9, 2022  
11:00 am  
Liturgical color; White or Gold

**PRELUDE**                      “Adoration”                      Edna Schmidt

**INTROIT** *(unison, Mark 1:10-11)*  
‘And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven:’  
    **"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."** AMEN.

**GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING HYMN**                      “When Jesus Came to Jordan”                      **252**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** *(unison)*  
    **Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism at Jordan’s water, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. By your power, may we be made one in common faith and purpose in Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

**\*THE PASSING OF PEACE**

**\*PRAYER RESPONSE**                      “Blessed Be the Tie that Binds”

**WORDS OF PRAISE** *(in response)*  
In worship, we who are called “Christian” gather to express our unity with God and with each other.  
    **We are a community bound together by the covenant of baptism.**  
We have inherited this covenant of baptism from those in ages past who bequeathed to us their faith and their faithfulness.  
    **In our worship today we renew our commitment to live in this covenant and we draw together a wider community of believers, including those who bore witness at our baptism.**  
As those faithful women and men have done for years,  
    **Let us worship God. AMEN.**

**ANTHEM**                      “Rejoice and Be Glad” arr. Cindy Berry

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE;** Joys and Concerns

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**                      *(unison)*  
    **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is 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, the power and the glory, forever; AMEN.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**OFFERTORY**                      “You Are Welcome Here”                      arr. Marty Parks

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      *(Sung to the tune of 95)*  
    **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
    **Praise Him, all creatures here below;**  
    **Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;**  
    **Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; AMEN.**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(in unison)*  
    **Bless these gifts our hands have brought; bless the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, and the thoughts; the rest, O God, is in your hands. AMEN.**

**SCRIPTURE**                      Judy Zabel  
    First Lesson                      Isaiah 43:1-7  
    Second Lesson                      Acts 8:14-17

**GOSPEL LESSON**                      Luke 3:16-22

**BAPTISMAL AND FAITH COVENANT RENEWAL**                      **50-53** *(See insert)*  
    **“I Am in You”. (We sing “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” 611, as we come to reaffirm our baptism at the baptismal font. Please touch the water and return to your seat in a meditative, prayerful mood, as you remember your baptism and give thanks for it.)**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**                      “What Child Is This”                      **219**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**                      “Onward Christian Soldiers”                      Edna Schmidt

-----\*If you are comfortable, please stand.                      **Bold**-Join in response -----  
~Today’s altar flowers are given by the family in loving memory of the anniversary of Elmer and Maxine Williams.