

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Baptism of Jesus Sunday

January 13, 2019

8:30 am and 10:30 am

*Define yourself radically as one beloved by God. This is the true self.
Every other identity is illusion. – Brennan Manning*

The Church does not dispense the sacrament of baptism in order to acquire for herself an increase in membership but in order to consecrate a human being to God and to communicate to that person the divine gift of birth from God. – Hans Urs von Balthasar

**No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome in this
United Church of Christ congregation...**



*Those who are able, please stand.
Underlined items 8:30 am worship.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastoral Greeting and Announcements

<u>Prelude</u>	<i>As Rain from the Clouds</i>	Wayne Wold
Introit	<i>Jesus Stand among Us</i> Chancel Choir	Albin Whitworth

*Call to Worship

One: Like the soft whisper of a little child singing to herself before anyone else in the house is awake,

All: Ever so gently, God's voice cradles us with songs of wonder and awe.

One: With the persistence of teenagers and young adults, heady with the newfound freedom of questioning everything,

All: God's voice rumbles like a river through our lives, sweeping away all the boundaries between us.

One: Like the grandmother who passes on the secret to her bread, like the grandfather who teaches his grandkids how to drive,

All: God's voice is always reminding us that we are precious, esteemed, beloved.

One: And so we gather, all of us together, to hear God's voice in worship this day.

*Prayer of Confession

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.

*Words of Assurance

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: **We belong to God.**

*Praise Response

You Are Mine

David Haas

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you.

I have called you each by name. Come and fol-low me,

I will bring you home; I love you and you are

mine.

Children's Message

Children in Kindergarten through 4th grade will leave after the Children's Message for class. Youth in 5th through 7th grade, please meet in your classroom at 10:30 a.m.

Baptism of Amelia Kate Straubhaar

see ivory insert

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prophetic Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

OT page 631
Large print page 822

Reader: God is still speaking.
People: **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

NT page 56
Large print page 73

Reader: God is still speaking.
People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Vicki McGaw

Hymn of Response

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

Naming of those in need of Prayer

Silent Prayer, Prayers of the People

Prayer of our Savior (in unison)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

(Please participate in the Ritual of Friendship using the pad in your pew.)

*Doxology (tune 46)

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

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

We offer our gifts in recognition that we are baptized people, transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. So, we will hold nothing back but will share our lives, our hearts, our energies, as well as our efforts, in ministry to the world around us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30 am only)

WE GO OUT WITH GOD'S WORD

*Closing Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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*Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

Dieterich Buxtehude

Please remain seated and enjoy the Postlude

The word "Welcome" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. The letters are thick and fluid, with long, sweeping flourishes, particularly on the 'W' and 'e's. The overall style is classic and decorative.

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning! Please be sure to sign the fellowship pad found in your pew.