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CENTENNIAL MULTICULTURAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 12, 2025 – 10:00am
BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC:

Erica Kessler

On Jordan's Stormy Banks
from William Walker's Southern Harmony 1835
arr. by Anna Laura Page

INTROIT:

Jesus, Name Above All Names

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS

The waters of God's blessing flow through our lives, quenching our thirst, bringing forth new hope.

OPENING PRAYER (in Unison):

God of strength, God of love, surround us with your love. Gather us in as your beloved children. Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our hearts to the power of your transforming love. May your waters of grace pour over us, renewing us for your work in the world. Bless us in this holy time. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

We hear God's voice.

It thunders through creation.

God's voice is strong.

It shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

God is still speaking.

Calling out our names.

Listen for God.

God calls us beloved.

*OPENING HYMN:

Breathe On Me Breath of God

UMH 420 (vss 1,2,3)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in Unison):

Loving God, sometimes life seems overwhelming. There is so much happening that we can't control. We feel like we are drowning. Then we hear your voice saying, "Don't fear," and we remember that your love supports and sustains us. You are there when we feel overwhelmed. You are there when we struggle. You give us what we need. Help us place our trust in you, as we step away from fear, secure in your love. Amen.

Moment of Silence

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God says, "Don't be afraid." God calls and names us as God's own.

HYMN OF WORSHIP

Change My Heart O God

TFWS 2152 (X2)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

We live in security, trusting God's abundant care. Let us give with joy, serving Jesus Christ, God's beloved child.

OFFERTORY:

Erica Kessler

Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door
African-American Spiritual

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in Unison):

Loving God, you bless us with your love. You know each one of us. We live in confidence and trust, knowing your care for us. We bring these gifts to you, our source of life. Use them, we pray, that others may experience your grace and live free from fear. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dave Holland

(As the children come to the altar, please sing stanza 1 of Hymn 191, "Jesus Loves Me")

***GOSPEL LESSON:**

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Hear the Word of God in the Gospel according to Luke the 3th chapter, beginning with the 15th verse...

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, **16** John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **21** Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, **22** and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

SERMON:

"Remember Your Baptism"

Rev. Audrey Rochet

***CLOSING HYMN:**

When Jesus Came to Jordan

UMH 252

***BENEDICTION:**

God knows your names. As God's beloved children, you belong to God. Secure in this love, go forth to live without fear, trusting God's abundant care, resting in God's peace.

GOING FORTH:

Erica Kessler

I'll Fly Away
by Albert Brumley

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Announcements

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION:

Wednesdays Bible Study:

- with Pastor Judith in English, 12pm. On ZOOM.

For information about the **Spanish Bible Study** day and time call Pastor Audrey at (630) 670-3580

Good Samaritan Fund. Our Good Samaritan Fund is low. Money in this fund is used to help church members with financial assistance for housing, food and medical bills. If you would like to donate to boost this fund, please put your check in the collection plate. Make sure you put Good Samaritan Fund on the memo line. Your consideration to contribute to this fund is very much appreciated.

If you are able, please consider donating to our Good Samaritan Fund this Christmas.

Saturday Kids Club. Every Saturday from 10:30am to 12:45 pm.

****PRAYER LIST****

At W. Willows: *Art Huenkemeier.*

At Cherryvale Place: *Carol Waxler.*

At Home: *Aida DeJesus, Marlene Wibom*

Undergoing Treatment/Rehab: *Ken Dahlgren, John Paul, Chuck & Kim Whitmore, Jennifer Martin, Pastor Judith, Milka Rivera, Connie Kim.*

BIRTHDAYS

1/12 Audrey Rochet

1/13 Max Garcia

1/13 Ryan LeBeau

1/19 Fred Wescott

Joys and Concerns

12-5-25

We continue to pray for **Marlene** as she recovers at home and for Jan, who is still dealing with a persistent cough.

Pam Sanders requests prayers for Jim McGee's family as they grieve his passing. She also asks for prayers for her former coworkers who are facing various illnesses and challenges. Also, Laurie Johnson's friend Beth Mengelt Bruder had to go to the hospital due to covid and breathing problems and is now on a ventilator. Please pray for her and her family.

Pastor Keith requests prayers that this year we may be less selfish and more open to the Spirit's guidance and truth.

Bev Dahlgren requests continued prayers for her sister-in-law Nancy, whose recovery from a very serious surgery will be long. After visiting her, she saw just how much support and prayer are needed during this time.

We hope you will worship with us again.

You can call Pastor Audrey if you need any assistance, please contact her at 630.670.3580.

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