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January 15, 2023
Second Sunday after Epiphany

WE GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Tim Evans, Liturgist

CENTERING

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

PRELUDE

Noel in French Style

Composer: Aaron D. Miller, b. 1972

Yeri So, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tim Evans, Liturgist

Children of God, welcome!

ALL: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

ALL: God invites all of us to belong to the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

ALL: We are welcome, just as we are.

We are loved, just as we are.

We belong, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS: Kim and Michael Medina

Pastor Laura; Nancy Kuhn, Resources Committee Chair; Bill Maas, SPRC Chair

Reception into the United Methodist Church

Reception into the Local Congregation

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of God,

I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**ALL: We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

As members together with you

in the body of Christ

and in this congregation

of The United Methodist Church,

we renew our covenant

faithfully to participate

in the ministries of the church

by our prayers, our presence,

our gifts, our service, and our witness,

that in everything God may be glorified

through Jesus Christ.

BAPTISM: Vivian J. Medina

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

Introduction to the Service

Presentation of Candidate

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,

reject the evil powers of this world,

and repent of your sin?

Medinas and sponsors: I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you

to resist evil, injustice, and oppression

in whatever forms they present themselves?

Medinas and sponsors: I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Medinas and sponsors: I do.

Will you nurture this child
in Christ's holy Church,
that by your teaching and example they may be guided
to accept God's grace for themselves,
to profess their faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life?

Medinas and sponsors: I will.

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

CONGREGATION: We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**CONGREGATION: With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
Do you believe in God the Father?

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
[the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.]**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

**ALL: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

**ALL: Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and those who receive it,
to wash away their sin
and clothe them in righteousness
throughout their lives,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
they may share in his final victory.

**ALL: All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever.
Amen.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Vivian Jane Medina, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome
our new sibling in Christ.

**ALL: Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation
and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as members of the family of Christ.**

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through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

***TFWS HYMN #2172**

We Are Called

Words and Music: David Haas (Micah 6:8)

Publisher: 1988 Gia Publications, Inc.

Chancel Choir; Congregation

Yeri So, Organist

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Tim Evans, Liturgist

The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tim Evans, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING

Tim Evans, Liturgist

Genesis 1:26-31

Acts 2:44-47

MESSAGE: "You Belong: Valued and Celebrated"

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell

ANTHEM

Lamb of God, Grant Us Peace

Composer: Z. Randall Stroope, b. 1953

Publisher: Shawnee Press

Chancel Choir: Dr. Michael Wu, Director

Yeri So, Pianist

WONDER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

OFFERTORY PRAYER

In Unison

Lord, we thank You for Your faithfulness. We are grateful that we can trust in You. You are an abundant God and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give You this offering today. With it we worship You and give our whole selves to You. Please now take it and use it for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this through the power of the Triune God, Father, Son, Spirit. Amen.

WHAT NOW?

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Laura Norvell, Pastor

*HYMN #140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

Chancel Choir; Congregation

Yeri So, Organist

SENDING FORTH

Janice Harmon, Director of Care, Connection and Inter-Gen Nurture

POSTLUDE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Composer: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962

Yeri So, Organist

SERVING US TODAY

Acolytes: Hannah Coppersmith and William Hahs

Altar Guild for January: Carol Henley

Chat Room Host: Linda Pickle and Jim Pearson

Fellowship Hosts: Ellen Stanley and Dr. Michael Wu

Liturgist: Tim Evans

Nursery Team: Tessa Ricketts and Alisa Machalek

Sunday School Teachers: Janice Jones and Sally Stolz

Welcome Team: Bill and Carol Benson

Youth Team Leader: Kristen Wayne

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Harold E. Matter by his family.

Please note that the 2023 schedule for altar flowers is now available in the Narthex. Sign your name next to your chosen date and complete the pink request form with \$50 payment via check or online at the Faith website. Either drop the form in the Offering chest or send to the office.

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