

## CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

"In Perfect Peace"

S.K. Riggs

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN."*

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Gracious God, we come today with joy for your baptism; we come with praise for your glory; we come with gratitude for your love. As we offer these gifts to you, send your Spirit upon us, that our hands and our hearts may do your work in the world. As we offer our lives to you, bless us with your strength that we may join with you to work for the blessing of peace throughout the world. Amen.**

## CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

\*BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** Go forth and proclaim the good news: God calls us by name and fashions us for glory.

**People:** **We go as people washed clean in the waters of our baptism,**

**Pastor:** Go forth and live the good news: the Holy Spirit blesses us and seals us in God's love.

**People:** **We go as people blessed by God, that we might be a blessing**

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Danish Amen"

No. 898

***A-men, a-men, a—men.***



\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

No. 611, vs. 1 & 4

\*POSTLUDE

"Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One"

J.S. Bach



**JANUARY 9, 2022**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

***Mifflin Avenue United Methodist Church***

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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us. May God bless your experience in worship with us today. We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM**

## CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

"Faith Everlasting"

L.A. Warriner

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

The Spirit dances in the water, waiting in baptism to join us in the fire of God's love. Come to the waters. Come to the Spirit. Come to the journey of a lifetime—a journey through death to life everlasting.

HYMN

"Baptized in Water"

TFWS No. 2248

CHIMES AND BRING FORTH THE LIGHT

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 138, vs. 1, 3 & 5

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

**People: When we pass through difficulties and stress,**

Pastor: God is with us and calls us by name.

**People: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,**

Pastor: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

**People: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God of glory and majesty, you have called us by name. We pray in this moment for the courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of your Son's baptism, open our hearts also, that we may experience again the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship, that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children. We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

INTROIT

"You Are Mine"

TFWS No. 2118

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

### CELEBRATION THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

### CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYERS FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts,

**People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

"The Word"

No. 601 (Refrain only)

**"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"**

FIRST LESSON

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Acts 8:14-17

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

"Alleluia"

No. 186

*Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,*

*Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.*

\*GOSPEL LESSON

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

\*THE GOSPEL IS READ

Luke 3:1-5

THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

The Gospel of the living Christ.

**Glory to You, oh Lord**

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

### CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

MESSAGE

Kim Viehland

**We give thanks for all that God has already given us.**

**As members of the body of Christ**

**and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,**

**we will faithfully 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.**

The God of all grace,

who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,

establish and strengthen you

by the power of the Holy Spirit,

that you may live in grace and peace.