

**Morning Worship**  
**Sunday, January 10, 2021, 10:00 am**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

**Beginning Music** "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

**Prelude** "Shall We Gather at the River"

**Words to ponder:** "Speaking words of love, God creates us, calls to us, and claims us as God's own. Speaking words of love, we too can create, call, and claim God's beauty and glory in the world."

**Additional Scriptures for this Sunday:** Genesis 1:1-5; Acts 19:1-7

**Scriptures for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Epiphany:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

**Welcome** Pastor Ed

**Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: God's strong voice calls us to worship,

**People:** calling us to sing and offer praise.

Leader: God's creative voice calls us to worship,

**People:** calling us to life and light.

Leader: God's loving voice calls us to worship,

**People:** calling us to love and be loved.

Leader: Listen, for God's voice calls to us now.

**Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader

Word of God, speak, for your servants are listening. Spirit of creation and renewal, hover over our gathering this day, as you hovered over creation on that first day. Enter into our hearts and our lives, as you did at the day of our baptism. Descend on us like a dove, as you did on Jesus's day of baptism, that we may hear again your words of love and adoption. Speak from the heavens into our minds, that we may perceive your words of guidance and wisdom. Amen.

**Opening Hymn** "Holy Spirit Come"

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**A Time for Children of All Ages**

Rose Aiello

**WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading** Psalm 29 Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1:4-11 Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ!

**Hymn of Preparation** "Spirit of the Living God" Eunice Alberts,  
Ron Giannattasio

**Sermon** "We Are the Hands of God" Pastor Ed

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) Leader

When our hearts are hard as stone, soften us with your grace. When our lives are riddled with sin and pain, heal us with your mercy. When our ears are ringing with self-doubt and cynicism, strengthen us with words of faith and love. When our minds are muddled with confusion and fear, enlighten us with the radiance of your wisdom. Speak to our spirits from the truth of your being, the reality of your love, and the promise of your forgiveness, that we may hear your voice clearly and follow where you call us to go. Amen.

**Silent Meditation**

**Words of Assurance**

**We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns**

Bill Florin

**Silent Prayer followed by Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of our Gifts** (*Please mail in your offerings*)

## Doxology

### Offering Prayer (Unison)

Bless these gifts with your voice of creation, your healing, and your love, Mighty God. Transform our meager offerings into abundant gifts for a world in need of your light and life. Amen.

### WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

**Sending Hymn** "Down to the River to Pray" Heather Arnold,  
Rose Aiello, Dave Aiello (guitar)

**The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

**Benediction**

#### *Our Worship Tech Team*

Rose Aiello  
Eunice Alberts  
Patti Early  
Bill Florin  
RoseAnne Homola  
Amy Rajpolt  
Sheryl Rajpolt

Pastor: Reverend Ed Dayton

Leader: Nicole Summers; Children's Time: Rose Aiello

Joys and Concerns: Bill Florin

Soloists: Eunice Alberts, Heather Arnold, Rose Aiello

Guitarist: Dave Aiello

Pianist/Organist: Ron Giannattasio and RoseAnne Homola

UMC Monroe Lay Leader: Rose Aiello

LHUMC Lay Leaders: Maggie Flemma and Tim Quinn

Music Leaders: Patti Early, RoseAnne Homola, Eunice Alberts



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***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***

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