

Morning Worship

January 9, 2022, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Baptism of the Lord

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude He Is Born /How Great Our Joy arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rose Aiello

*Call to Worship (Responsively) Psalm 29:1-4,11 (NIV) Leader

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: **the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

People: **the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

Leader: The Lord gives strength to his people;

People: **the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

*Opening Hymn "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" UMH #611
(v 1-3)

*Opening Prayer (Unison) Leader

Lord Jesus, we thank you for inviting us into your ministry. While you were around *in the beginning* and created everything, you still commissioned your disciples to "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...*" We affirm today that the same commission is given to us. While you still don't need us to do your work, we're humbled that you want us to do your work. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in your name. It's in your name that we pray.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson: Acts 8:14–17 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Reading Luke 3:15–17, 21–22 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Wanted – Not Needed" Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Spirit Song" UMH #347

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

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

*Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Heavenly Father, as your voice was heard from the clouds at the baptism of Jesus, we thank you for sharing your Word with us today. While we know that your will may be done despite our offerings, we dedicate these gifts to your use today. May you do abundantly more than we can even imagine with these gifts so that your Glory may be seen – and more disciples may be made. We pray this all in Jesus's name.

Amen.

