

(All who desire to remember, give thanks for and reaffirm their loyalty to Christ are welcome to come forward and receive this reminder of God's grace.)

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

(Those desiring to unite with this Christian fellowship are invited to make their way forward.)

Rev. Camp

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Shall We Gather at the River

UMH 723

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Camp

CHORAL RESPONSE

Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

Choir

POSTLUDE

Echo Alleluia
arr. Purcell

Justin Hanson, Organ

**Please stand as you are able.*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

11:00 A.M.



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Leading Others to Christ † Learning to be Disciples † Loving through Service

Order of Worship

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Liturgical Color-White

PRELUDE *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling* Justin Hanson, Organ
arr. Sikes

WORDS OF WELCOME Joey Caldwell

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Let the people say-
Glory!

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name, worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. Let the people say-
Glory!

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever. Let the people say-
Glory!

The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace. Let the people say-
All glory and praise to you, Lord God! *(Based on Psalm 29)*

*HYMN OF PRAISE *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* UMH 152
stanzas 1, 2 and 3

NAMING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Joey Caldwell

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE/OUR LORD'S PRAYER

————— *Children are dismissed for Children's Church.* —————

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *When Jesus Came to Jordan* UMH 252
stanzas 1, 2 and 3

OFFERTORY PRAYER Joey Caldwell

OFFERTORY *A Child of the King* Justin Hanson, Piano
arr. Ham

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Down to the River to Pray* Choir
arr. Curry Bonnie Wright, Director

SCRIPTURE

Acts 19:1-7

Rev. Dan Camp

SERMON

“Remembering Our Baptism”

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

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?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

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?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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?

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.

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.

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.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

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