

ANTHEM

“He Is There” Mary kay Beall

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Silent Prayer — Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Melissa

CENTERING HYMN

“Spirit Song”

UMH #347

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Susan Jeffries

MORNING MESSAGE

“Expectant Hope”

Pastor Melissa

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(see insert)

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

INVITATION

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Susan Jeffries

**Generous God of grace and love, pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts we now return to you, that they may become signs of your love and gifts of your grace through the work of our church and its ministries both close to home and throughout the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“O Spirit of the Loving God”

UMH #539 (vs. 1,3 & 4)

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Be a blessing to someone today!

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Worship 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Sanctuary

Sunday School Pre K-5th Grade 9:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Sunday School for Adults 10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

Youth Group 10:30 AM

### OUR CHURCH STAFF

Lynne Mathews - Office Administrator

Ayesha Sabree - Children & Family Dir.

Trevor Coenen - Youth Director

Skylar Sorensen - Tech Team

Pastor Tom Rothhaar - Visitation Pastor

Pastor Melissa Rusler - Senior Pastor

### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Peggy Sue Archer—Accompanist

Susan Jeffries—Liturgist

Mike Knowles & Tom Hanlon—Tech Team

Tom Mathews—Camera

Head Usher—Ron Smith

### 9:00 & 11:00 AM Response Card

Please print & place in the offering plate. Thank you.

Today's Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ First Time Attendee

\_\_\_ Member(s) of MUMC

\_\_\_ Regular attender(s) not members

\_\_\_ Guest of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I'd like to be on your mailing list

\_\_\_ I'd like more information on becoming a member

**Next Week at MUMC:**

“Signs & Wonders in Unexpected Places”

John 2:1-11

9:00 & 11:00 AM

January 16, 2022  
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Adult Sunday School meets on Sundays at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall room 4. We are studying 1st Thessalonians. For Questions, contact Susan Jeffries at 951-522-5429 or [susanormanjeffries@gmail.com](mailto:susanormanjeffries@gmail.com).

**JOY CIRCLE**

JOY Circle meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in Fellowship Room 7. We will continue our study Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus by Lois Tverberg. On January 18th, we will begin a new study by the same author, Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus. The book is available at most major booksellers. For questions contact Susan Jeffries at 951-522-5429 or [susanormanjeffries@gmail.com](mailto:susanormanjeffries@gmail.com).

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you filled out a 2022 Annual Giving Commitment Card, and requested offering envelopes, please look for them on a table in the Narthex. Should you not find your envelopes please call Lynne in the church office. Thank you!

**USHERS for 9:00 and 11:00 AM Worship Services**

Ushers are needed to help with both the 9:00 and 11:00 AM worship services. Please email Ron Smith at [rrsmith1963@yahoo.com](mailto:rrsmith1963@yahoo.com) or see him at the 9:00 AM service on Sunday.

**MASKS**

Masks are required for all persons regardless of their vaccination status. This decision is taken in the spirit to lovingly care for each other. Disposable masks are available for adults and children if needed.

Prayer requests/Comments:

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**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

**January 9, 2022**

(An “\*” indicates when to stand in body or in Spirit.)

PRELUDE

*Choose this day whom you will serve. Are you ready to be amazed by the God of love and grace, who came in service to invite us to serve? Choose this day not just whom, but what you will serve in the year ahead. As for me and my house, we will serve the God of love, by serving the world with love and grace.*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melissa

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Jeffries

L: Why have you come here?

**P: We come with expectation and hope, seeking the cleansing grace of Christ.**

L: What do you hope to find?

**P: We look for a renewed joy and refreshed spirits as the year begins anew.**

L: Will you receive the Holy Spirit with whatever surprises and opportunities she has to bring?

**P: Our hearts are open to God’s Spirit, ready to go where our journey with God leads.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

UMH #139

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS

Pastor Melissa

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

**Glory to you!**

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

**Glory to you!**

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

**All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!**

#### Reaffirmation of Faith

*You are invited to come forward, as the Holy Spirit leads you, to remember your baptism. Take time to kneel and/or pray, as you feel led. If you have not been baptized, you are invited to come forward and pray, as well. If you are interested in being baptized please speak with the pastor.*

#### Thanksgiving

The Pastor says: Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our God.

**The People:** We give thanks for all the God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church so that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The Pastor: May our loving God fill and strengthen you, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Peace 



## Service of Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

### Introduction to the Service

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over and immersing us, water that flows freely for all who will receive it, water from the streams of God's saving power and justice, water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness, water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters, to renew our commitments in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us, the Spirit who has birthed us, and the Creator who is making all things new.

### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith:

Pastor: And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**People: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, Reject the evil powers of this world, And repent of our sin!**

Pastor: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**People: We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!**

Pastor: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**People: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Pastor: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**People: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Pastor: Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**People: We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.**

### Thanksgiving over the water

Pastor: The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

**People: Even so, come Lord Jesus!**

*(Please read aloud the bold type)*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.

Your justice never fails.

Your mercy is everlasting.

**Your healing river flows.**

**Your Spirit blows where you will.**

**We cannot stop you, God!**

But sometimes we try.

We try to block the flow,

we redirect the winds of the Spirit,

or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound,

and we forget its power.

We parch ourselves.

**We are dry and thirsty, O God.**

**Come, refresh us!**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

**Come upon us, Holy Spirit!**

Come upon these waters.

**Come upon these waters.**

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

**Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.**

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

**Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.**

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

**Glory to you!**