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## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 14, 2024

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### WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome to Fairport UMC! We embrace the gift of diversity of our community and our world and proclaim that all persons are created in God's image. We celebrate all ways that the human family of Christ finds its diversity. Our vision is to nurture ALL people on their life journeys and to bring God's love to the world. *Masks are currently optional. Disposable masks are available in the coatroom and narthex for those who would like one.*

### CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! There is a cart in the Narthex with Children's Activity Bags. We love to have children stay in worship (wiggles and giggles are welcomed and sacred sounds). We are not currently offering a staffed nursery, but the nursery room is available and open to parents and little ones. The service is also livestreamed in the nursery so you and your child can still participate in worship! Sunday School (Children / Youth) is at 9am.

### OPEN TABLE

Communion is celebrated once a month (usually on the first Sunday of the month) and all (including children) are welcome at the table. We use all gluten/dairy free bread. If you don't want to receive communion but would like a blessing, you can indicate that to the pastor.

### WORSHIP ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

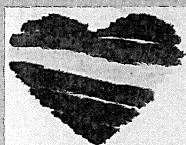
\*indicates to stand in body or spirit

**bold print indicates congregational response**

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (large blue hymnal)

FWS – The Faith We Sing (small black hymnal)

W&S – Worship & Song (small green hymnal)



**FUMC is a Reconciling Congregation** where all persons of any age, gender, gender identity, race, ethnic origin, economic reality, family status, sexual orientation, diverse ability or social status are welcome without reservation to share in God's love.

→ GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE →

The chimes call us to gather.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

PRELUDE

*Air from Water Music*

Handel

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

There are some days when I need the reminder that I belong to God.

Do you ever feel that way?

**Yes. We do.**

**The world can be a harsh place; we often need that reminder.**

Well then, let us care for one another.

Let us speak the truth we each need to hear.

Church, you belong to God.

You are God's beloved.

**Friend, you belong to God.**

**You are God's beloved.**

Let us worship the God who knows our names.

**Let us worship the God who calls us beloved. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Baptized in Water*

FWS 2248

— LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\*GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:39-40; Luke 3:1-13, 15-22

For the Word of God in Scripture; For the Word of God among us;

For the Word of God within us. **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

Joy Leinenbach

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*HYMN

*Spirit Song*

UMH 347

MESSAGE

How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

Rev. Richelle Goff

**We Trust Our Belovedness**

## — RESPONDING IN LOVE —

### RENEWING OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,**

**Reject the evil powers of this world,**

**And repent of our sin!**

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

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us**

**To resist evil, injustice, and oppression**

**In whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ,?

**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!**

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

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church**

**And serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

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

**We affirm and teach the faith of the church as we put our trust in God, the Creator. In Jesus Christ, God's Son. And in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.**

### REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS

*You are invited to come forward and touch the water,  
remember your baptism, and that you are God's beloved.*

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

#### OFFERTORY

(9:00)

*Down to the River to Pray*  
Early Choir

arr. Curry

(10:30)

*Come to the Water*  
Chancel Choir

Ratcliff

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father\*, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*You are invited to use a name for God that is most meaningful to you.**

**— GOING INTO GOD'S WORLD —**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe that the God I see in scripture is a God of love.  
 I believe that God created me and delights in that creation.  
 I believe the psalmist who says,  
 "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139)  
 I believe that, just as God called Jesus "beloved,"  
 God extends this same term of endearment to us.  
 I believe that no matter our earthly challenges,  
 nothing could strip me of that sacred title.  
 I could fail every test, miss every goal, drop every ball,  
 and I would still be God's beloved.  
 Therefore, I cling to this promise like a rock in the storm.  
 I anchor myself with this good news, allowing the anxiety of the day  
 to roll over me as best I can, because I know where I belong.  
 I am a child of God. I am beloved.  
 I strive to live this way. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* UMH 605

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Allegro Maestoso* from *Water Music*

Handel

Let us take these few moments for preparation,  
for worship is over .... the service begins.

### FLOWERS IN WORSHIP

Today's flowers are from Ron and Jane Tucker,  
with thanks to God for the beauty of winter.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- For Kim (a friend of Kevin & Linda Gordon) who is hospitalized for cancer issues.
- For Dave, Pam, and their daughter - who is ill, and also hoping for a better relationship with these neighbors (Wendy Gray).
- For Donna Komor who fractured her right ankle (Holly Warren).
- For Heather Malvarosa (Holly Warren's sister) who continues to have health problem / seizures.
- For people everywhere dealing with extreme weather and hazardous conditions.
- For peace in our world, instead of war, oppression, injustice, and violence.
- For the Middle East, Ukraine and other countries in the midst of the horror of war.

#### ***We continue our prayers for those who are in need of continued healing:***

Becky Gualtieri, Tom Kielbasinski, Susan Grau, Ed Lewek, Barb George,  
Shirley Robinson, John Pattison, Chip Rieck, Sandy Baldwin,  
Carol & Frank Mueller, Courtney & Joshua Pedersen, Judy Darrer, Jeff Latsha,  
Pat Hemmenway, John Hall, Jen Simpson, Martha McNeill, Genevieve,  
Joanne Mason, Kathy Walters, Marlene Beisler, Jean McFarland, Lindsey

#### ***We pray for all those who are homebound or in nursing homes:***

Shirley Ward, Cindy Jack, Carol Snow, Ruth Howard,  
Cindy Stanton, Emmet and Marge Vanderburgh,  
Wally Robinson (CT), Dave and Carolyn Hebert (KY)

## SERVICE MUSIC TEXTS

### **Come to the Water**

*O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.*

*And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.*

*Let them come to the Lord without money, without price.*

*Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?*

*And let all who seek, let them come to the water,*

*And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.*

*Let them come to the Lord, without money, without strife.*

*Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?*

*And let all who toil, let them come to the water,*

*And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord.*

*Let them come to the Lord, all who labor without rest.*

*How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?*

*And let all the poor, let them come to the water.*

*Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord.*

*Bring them all to the Lord, bring the children without might.*

*Easy the load and light. O come to the Lord.*

### **Down to the River to Pray**

*As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way*

*And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.*

*O sisters, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.*

*As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way*

*And who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way.*

*O brothers, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.*

*As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way*

*And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.*

*O fathers, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.*

*As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way*

*And who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way.*

*O mothers, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.*

*As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way*

*And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.*

*O sinners, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.*

*As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way*

*And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.*

## PERMISSIONS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### General Conference Update

Learn About Important Upcoming Votes  
at UMC General Conference

***On January 14***, Tom Deeever will  
be in room 204 following each service to  
share information and answer questions  
about the May 2024 United Methodist  
General Conference.

Several important proposals regarding the  
future of our denomination are likely to  
be presented at the conference.

### Beyond These Walls

The Beyond These Walls monthly shelter visits to Francis Center and Sanctuary House  
in Rochester will be starting up again this month! ***We are looking for volunteers to  
sign up for shelter visit opportunities on the following dates:*** January 27, February 25,  
and March 24. New sign-up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board across from the  
church office. Please contact Judy Bermudez ([judybermudez@hotmail.com](mailto:judybermudez@hotmail.com)) or Sue  
Striegel ([sgolembe@gmail.com](mailto:sgolembe@gmail.com)) for additional information.

### Francis Center Visit - January 27th

On Saturday, January 27th (and not Sunday the 28th) a team of volunteers will be going  
to Francis Center to serve a meal. To supplement our main entree prepared by the cook-  
ing team, please consider donating cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, butter, salad dressing,  
chocolate syrup and juice.

***A sign-up sheet for the needed food items is on the bulletin board across from the  
church office.***

### College Care Packages

It's that time of year again to collect items  
for the College Care Packages which  
Youth Ministry sends each February to  
our young adults in college.

We are looking for donations of pre-  
packaged snacks, gift cards and other  
goodies which can be distributed among  
the 15 boxes.

> *Please place your donations in the box  
on the table in the Narthex.*

> We will be collecting through  
January 28th.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP THIS WEEK

<i>Sunday, January 14</i>	8am 9am 9am & 10:30am 4pm	Early Choir - 113 Sunday School & Adult Forum Worship Sr. High Youth Group
<i>Monday, January 15</i> <i>Martin Luther King Jr.</i> <i>Holiday - office is closed.</i>	10am 1pm 7pm 7:30pm	Confirmation Day Retreat Godmothers Group - 204 Boy Scouts - FH, Ruth Circle - P Men's Bible Study
<i>Tuesday, January 16</i> <i>Office is closed today too!</i>	6:30pm 7pm	Joyful Noise Choir - 206, Outreach- 204 Trustees
<i>Wednesday, January 17</i>	7pm	Chancel Choir - 113, S
<i>Thursday, January 18</i>	6:30pm	Bell Choir - S
<i>Friday, January 19</i>	10:30am	Heart Listening Small Group
<i>Saturday, January 20</i>	12pm	Al Anon - FH
<i>Sunday, January 21</i>	9am 9am & 10:30am 4pm	Sunday School & Adult Forum Worship Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

### MINISTERS AND STAFF OF FUMC

**Ministers - All God's People**

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**Custodian** - Jamie Gualtieri

### HELPING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Livestream Operator:** Julie Woodruff

**Readers:** 9am - Nancy Romagnola    10:30am - Dave Dupont

**Feed the Spirit:** Lorraine Rieck