

Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM
Worship Series: Bread, Bath, and Beyond
Message: Bath
***Stand in body or in spirit**

Gathering *The Father's House* Praise Band
Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

***Centering Song** *Take My Life* Praise Band

***Prayer** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: God Beyond our Knowing
and yet right here in our midst,
draw us into Your waters of renewal
so that our thirst for new life may be quenched.
Guide us, Holy Spirit,
Nudge us, Teacher Jesus.
Love us, Holy One. AMEN.

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

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.

Offering Song *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* Praise Band

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11 Lisa Dickinson

Message *Bath* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Litany of Baptismal Renewal**

Pastor Melissa & Sarah Chambers

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: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

People: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Pastor: Come upon these waters.

People: Come upon these waters.

Pastor: Let these waters be to us drops of Your mercy and grace.

People: Let these waters remind us that we are Your beloved.

All: Glory to God. AMEN!

Song of Reflection

Down to the River to Pray

Praise Band

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

People: We give thanks for all God has already given us.

**As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant faithfully to 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.**

***Closing Song**

Come to the Water

Praise Band

***Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Come to the Water (reprise)

Praise Band