

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**  
**January 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM**  
**Worship Series: Bread, Bath, and Beyond**  
**Message: Bath**  
**UMH – United Methodist Hymnal**  
**TFWS – The Faith We Sing**  
**\*Stand in body or in spirit**

**Cantor: Amy McCarthy**

**Prelude**

*I've Got Peace Like A River*

June Shuffett

**Welcome/Announcements**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: From the waters of Creation,  
the earth sprang forth.

**People: From the waters of a womb,  
God's blessed Son was given to us.**

Pastor: From the waters of a river,  
people were baptized and marked as God's Children.

**People: From the waters of baptism,  
we are refreshed and renewed.**

**\*Hymn**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH 127

**\*Opening 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 *How Firm a Foundation* Bells of Praise

\*Doxology UMH 95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11 Sandy Ross

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!**

Hymn of Reflection *Shall We Gather at the River* UMH 723

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.**

**\*Hymn**

*He Leadeth Me*

UMH 128

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**Postlude**

*Our God Reigns*

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