

## Worship Guide



January 9 2022: Baptism of the LORD Sunday

## GREETING AND INTRODUCTION

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The One who created us, formed and made us, calls to us.

**P: We are to listen and to respond.**

L: God has claimed us and named us beloved.

**P: We rejoice in this transforming identity.**

L: Touched by the Spirit, washed and renewing water, and set aflame with God's love, let us worship and praise our beloved God.

OPENING HYMN: *We are Marching (and Singing)* #2235-b TFWS

## OPENING PRAYER

**Loving and caring God, you call to us out of the waters, out of the fire, and through the breath of the Holy Spirit. You call us to embrace our identity as your beloved, to let this identity shape our worship, and indeed our very lives. In trust, we open ourselves during this time of worship, that we might receive your transforming Spirit. As we are brought into intimate experience of you, help us embrace our identity in you-that the world will know we are yours AMEN.**

## SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm: 29:1-11

Epistle Reading: Acts 8:14-17

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

L: The word of God, for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PREPERATION: *Gather Us In* #2236 TFWS

MESSAGE:

Kevin Tansey

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER: Cares Chorus #2215TFWS

*I will cast all of my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet and anytime I don't know what to do, I will cast all of my prayers upon you.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (after each time of silence, we'll finish with the words "Lord in your mercy" and you are invited to respond, "**Hear our 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.**

BAPTISM OF THE LORD PRAYER:

**Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT ( turn to #50 UMH)

AN ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

*( Centenary 2022 Leadership please rise)*

Dear friends, you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God for leadership in the church.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.

It recognizes your special gifts

and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation

and challenge you to offer your best

to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world.

Live a life in Christ

and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we *install the Centenary Leadership for the 2022 year.*

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

**I will.**

Will you so live

that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

**I will.**

Will you do all in your power

to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

**I will.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants who have been given particular ministries in your church.

Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.

Keep before them the example of our Lord,

who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.

Let them share his ministry and consecration,

that they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work.

Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge that through them your purposes are accomplished; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards.

Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them

in the responsibilities to which they have been called,

giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

*The congregation responds:*

**We will.**

AN ORDER FOR THE RECOGNITION OF KEVIN TANSEY AS A CANDIDATE FOR DEACON

*Pastor to congregation:*

Today we are happy to recognize *Kevin Tansey* and celebrate *his* certification as a candidate for the diaconal ministry by the Committee on Ordained Ministry of the *Many Waters* District of The United Methodist Church.

*Pastor to candidate:*

*Kevin*, we rejoice with you that you have heard God's call to the diaconal ministry and have said, with Isaiah: Here am I; send me! The Church has certified you as a candidate for this ministry. As you prepare for it in the months and years ahead, we will stand with you and offer you our fullest support.

*Pastor to congregation:*

I invite you to stand and join with me in prayer for Kevin as he prepares for his/her ministry.

*The pastor and congregation join in the following prayer:*

**Spirit of the living God,**

**we pray for Kevin as he prepares to answer your call.**

**Guide him as he faces further decisions**

**and strengthen him when the path is long and hard.**

**Keep us open to your guidance**

**as we continue to offer our support**

**and as we listen for your call in our own lives.**

**This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

OFFERING

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976. You are also invited to support an organization or church in our local community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN: *Wade in the Water* #2107 TFWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

People of hope and peace, go into the world.

Bring God's healing love to all whom you meet.

Help with ministries, which promote justice and compassion.

In Jesus' Name, go in peace. AMEN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

BIBLE STUDY COMING IN JANUARY 2022! “Behold, I am *COMING SOON*” Rev 22:7

**Bible Study on the Book of Revelation**

*Or All you ever wanted to know about the end of time, as prophesized by the prophet John*

**Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 11:00am in the “Café”**

**Contact John Malek (399-2955) with Questions or to sign up...“Soon!”**

**\*\*\*Pre-Reading the whole Book of Revelation before will help you understand more\*\*\***

The HEARTS AND HANDS THRIFT SHOP

Co-Managers: James Barto and Ila Libby

**Hours of Operation: Wednesdays 9 AM to 12 PM**

**\*\*\*Call James @ 207-858-0257 to arrange drop off donations or for more information**

CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet is open on Wednesdays 9 AM to NOON and 5 PM to 7 PM

The Donation Bin will be open to receive donations January 5th thru January 12th.

THE CUP CAFÉ

Our CUP Café is open on Wednesdays 9AM—12 NOON.

Each week we offer a light lunch, lhot chocolate, coffee and snacks. We also have FREE Wi-fi.

FREE DRIVE THRU COMMUNITY MEALS

Our free Drive Thru Community meals are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Our next meal will be on November 30th. A Thanksgiving meal is on the menu. Call 207-474-3915, leave your name and number of meals. Pick up time is between 5pm and 6 pm that evening.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING PROGRAM

Do you or someone you know have need for a wheelchair, walker, crutches, canes, etc.? If so, we have many of these items available through our medical lending program. This is offered by ap-appointment. Call 207-474-3915 and leave your name, phone number, and the item that you need. Someone will contact you. This is an outreach through the partnership of Common Unity Place and Centenary United Methodist Church.

SKOWHEGAN AREA YOUTH GROUP

Thursdays from 5:30-7 pm at Centenary UMC on the Dr. Mann Rd. Snacks and activities provid-ed. For more information, please call Sharon Newell or Kevin Tansey at 207-708-0767 or 207-877-5987.

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