

January 12, 2025 ♦ 10:30 a.m. ♦ Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

At University UMC, our mission is to live into radical kinship through loving God, serving others and building Christian community. We pray all will find encouragement and spiritual nourishment here as we praise God together this morning.



Living into Radical Kinship through Loving God, Serving Others and Building Christian Community

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GATHERING

Words of Welcome

Please sign our pew pad or <u>online attendance pad</u> and visit the <u>announcements</u> <u>page</u> for more information about upcoming events! If you are unfamiliar with accessing our announcements online, please call the church office to get connected.

Prelude

"Prelude" Johann Sebastian Bach from Suite No 4 in E Major Cello ~ Nathaniel Stone

*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 116)

Responsively

The Lord harkens to our call,

listening to our pleas and hearing our prayers!

We will praise God who gives rest to our souls!

We are your servants, O God; you have loosed our bonds!

We will offer sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving!

How shall we repay the Lord for all we have been given?

We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!

*Hymn 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

*Opening Prayer

In Unison

O God, as we gather today, we come before you acknowledging the rush and hurry that often consumes our lives. We ask that you calm what may be frantic in our hearts and minds, that we may be fully present in this moment, to listen attentively, and to approach our tasks with a mindful spirit. Guide us to prioritize what truly matters and to find peace amidst the chaos. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

Anthem

"Steal Away" Soloist ~ Patricia Johnson Spiritual

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

In Unison

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

(OT, p. 800)

Sermon

"The Need for Speed"

The Rev. Justin Coleman

RESPONSE

*Hymn 395

"Take Time to Be Holy"

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word.

Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide, and run not before him, whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control. Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

*Affirmation of Faith

In Unison

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Responsively

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray . . . *The congregation responds to each petition, "Hear our prayer."*

The Lord's Prayer

In Unison

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.

Presentation of Our Gifts and God's Tithes

Responsively

God is Good. All the time.

And all the time. God is Good.

Generosity Moment: You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting "UniversityUMC" to 833-245-5259 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions, or through UniversityUMC.church.

Offertory

"Guide My Feet"
Chancel Choir

Spiritual arr. by Hal Hopson

*Doxology, Hymnal, p. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you wish to become a follower of Jesus Christ, a member of University United Methodist Church, or would like for someone to pray with you, we invite you to come forward during the closing hymn and meet the clergy in front of the chancel rail.

*Hymn 577 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

*Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation

How to Participate:

We are all held by this liturgy, together as one community.

You may speak the words in **bold**, if speaking is available to you.

You may sing the words of the hymns, if singing is available to you.

When you see an asterisk (*), you may stand, if standing is available to you.

CLERGY & MINISTERS

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Executive Pastor		.The Reverend Jamison Doehring
Pastor of Outreach		The Reverend Asya Coles
Pastor to Kindred Churc	h	The Reverend Daniel Childs
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