

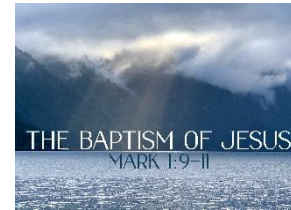
Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Brian R.
Victims of natural disasters	Frank M.
Those suffering from mental illness	Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y. Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Those affected by gun violence	Connie C.
Those who are homeless	Scott, Barb L.'s brother-in-law
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers	Selene, lifted by Carole A.
Josh O.	Keith A.
Dallas, Terri W.'s father	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Bobbi, Terri W.'s sister	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Adrienne M., lifted by Tom M.	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Barbara B.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Viola C.	Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Susan W.	Zack, son of Jennifer G.
Carolyn and Alex B.	Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son
Danielle, Gwen's granddaughter	Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Mary, Sue S.'s mother	Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Kifah, friend of David L.	Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Jeff, friend of Judy K.	Sterling B.
Jeff & Sharon B., lifted by Janis J.	Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Bob, Carole B.'s son	Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane
Donald R.	Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.
Mary Lou L.	Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy	Christopher Y., USAF
Gwen H.	Matthew F., USAF

This Week's Birthdays

January 10	Morgan Chapman	January 16	John Doerner
January 13	Leighton Maculewicz	January 16	Clara Brown
January 15	Barbara Linton		

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Worship with us online:

<https://youtu.be/MgnxxG5vZL8>

January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

The grace and peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

And also with you.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude

Meditation on "St. Edmund"

Gerald Peterson

Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship

Barb Clough

L: Come, come into the presence of the Lord today!

P: **We come, with all the joys and sorrows, all our hopes, dreams, and cares.**

L: You have been fashioned by God's love. You are called across the waters of creation to be a blessing.

P: **We have been called to be people of hope and light.**

L: You have been offered nourishment and cleansing by creation's waters.

P: **Help us to receive again the blessing of adoption by God.**

Unison Prayer

God who watches over us, offering us light and hope, be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Help us to remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us. Remind us again of the many ways in which you reach out to us. May the image of the waters be for us an image of hope. Bring us closer to you, loving God. Embrace us again with your love. We open our hearts to you this day. Amen.

New Testament Reading Acts 19:1-7

Hymn Spirit Song UMH 347

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Prayers of the People

Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have blessed us with life. We praise you for this blessing. What we have done with our lives has both delighted and perplexed you. We are far too often inclined to be stubborn and arrogant, believing that we are all powerful, that we have no need for you. But there is an emptiness in us - a place where we are raw and hurting, bleeding and bruised. We have tried our own healing methods, and they have not worked. We feel as though we are an oar-less, sail-less boat drifting in water, unable to gain direction, unable to see the shore. We long for home and hope. From across these waters, you have called us. Let us come to you in contrition, seeking your healing and forgiving love.

Words of Assurance

The forgiving and healing love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.

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.

The Offering with Prayer

Please continue to be faithful with your financial gifts by sending your stewardship contribution to the church office to the attention of the Financial Secretary, Ed Brewster.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11

Hymn Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness TFWS 2120
(vv. 1, 3, 4)

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon "You Are Loved!" Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Congregational Reaffirmation of The Baptismal Covenant

Hymn When Jesus Came to Jordan UMH 252

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Benediction

L: Go forth joyfully. God is with you.

P: **Bring peace and hope to all you meet.**

L: And may God's eternal love shine through you always.

P: **Amen.**

Postlude Fughetta Gottlieb Muffat
Marlene Dirksen