

Contemporary Order of Worship
January 8, 2023
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Worship Series: Re-Shaped
Message: Inside Out

Gathering Music *The Potter's Hand* Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Centering Moment

*Centering Song *Here I Am to Worship* Praise Band

*Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Life-giving God,
You refresh us from the inside out
with Your water of life and spirit.
Open us to Your presence within us
and help us see how You are
re-shaping our spirits each day.
Inspire us in this time of worship,
that we may claim our own identity
as Your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Baptism and Reception of New Members

Callan Richard Aikman	Baptism
Katherine Geneva Aikman	New Member
Jonathan Leland Aikman	Baptism/New Member
Sutton Alexa Carter	Baptism

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

People: We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**People: With God's help we will proclaim the Good News
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their service to others.
We will pray for them
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to eternal life.**

Leader: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah
you saved those on the ark through water.
After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.
When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,
you led them to freedom through the sea.
Their children you brought through the Jordan
to the land which you promised.

People: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.
He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection
and to make disciples of all nations.

People: **Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit,
to bless this gift of water and they who receive it,
to wash away their sin
and clothe them in righteousness
throughout their lives,
that, dying and being raised with Christ,
they may share in his final victory.

People: **All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns forever. AMEN.**

Baptisms

Pastor: Now it is our joy to welcome
our new brothers in Christ.

People: **Through baptism
you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God's new creation**

**and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
as members of the family of Christ.**

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**People: We give thanks for all God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in 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.**

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

I Surrender All

Praise Band

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

New Testament Reading

Mark 1: 1-11, 14-15

Karen Coltrin

Message

Inside Out

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Renewal of Baptism

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God's Spirit has been poured out upon the water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.
Water that shapes and re-shapes us as God's people.
Remember your baptism and be thankful.

People: Holy God, pour out Your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism that we may live as Your faithful disciples. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Pastor: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

*Closing Song	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>The Potter's Hand (Reprise)</i>	Praise Band