

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

Prelude *Prelude on "Abide with Me"* Kevin Lackie

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship**

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

People: We are to listen and respond.

Pastor: God has claimed us and named us beloved.

People: We rejoice in this transforming identity.

Pastor: We are touched by the Spirit, washed and renewed by the water,
 and set aflame with God's love.

People: We open ourselves to God's life-changing power.

*Hymn *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* UMH 382

*Opening 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

Prayers of People Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord's Prayer

to renew our commitments
 in each other's presence
 to Christ who has raised us,
 the Spirit who has birthed us,
 and the Creator who is making all things new.

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!

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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 400

*Benediction Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude *Voluntary on "Glory to God on High"* Kevin Lackie