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

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 Voluntary on "Father in Heaven" Kevin Lackie

*Doxology UMH 95

Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! AMEN

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

New Testament Reading Mark 1: 1-11, 14-15 Jordan Biscardo

*Hymn of Promise UMH 707

Message Inside Out Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Litany of Baptismal Renewal Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller & Sarah Chambers

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon 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.

Leader (Sarah): Today we come to the waters,

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