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*The Chancel flowers on the Altar are dedicated  
In memory of Joe Dupree  
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*“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”*



**January 8, 2023  
11:00 am  
Traditional Worship**

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# Traditional Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

\*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

**The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.**

This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism.

**As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.**

\*Hymn #605 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

\*Opening Prayer of Confession

**Cleansing and saving God, even as we celebrate your light and blessings that have been poured out on the world, we confess that we remain obsessed with our own problems, our own needs, and our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again, let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity.

Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.**

The Peace *(As forgiven, reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love).*

First Scripture Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Deanna Scroggs

Open Altar, Open Heart *(As "Call to Prayer" is sung, all are invited to come to the altar for morning prayer led by a Pastor).*

Call to Prayer "How Great Thou Art"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:13-17

Anthem "You Are Mine"

Finley Woolston, Nat Fahy,  
Terri Boykin

Sermon "Worship God"

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant UMH #50

*(All are invited forward to the font to touch the water and remember their baptism).*

Wade into the Water FWS #2107

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory "For the Beauty of the Earth"

\*Doxology UMH #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn W&S #3045 "Down by the Jordan"

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Postlude "God Give Us Christian Homes"

*Please stand as you are able*