

*Our Mission:
Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples*



*Our Vision:
Be the hands
and feet
of Christ*

**January 10, 2021
Order of Worship
Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

Prelude

Greeting

Call to Worship

We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,
and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.

We gather to worship as people who live in the world and yet,
**we gather as people who have been called to see the world
from a different point of view.**

God has called us together. God has called us to be part of a community.
**God challenges us to consider questions of priority
as we engage with the world.**

In this time together,
may God open our hearts, our minds, and our eyes,
allowing us to see deeper; helping us to live in the world
while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world. **AMEN.**

Opening Prayer

Lord God,
Maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices,
to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers. Come among us, living Lord.
Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your
presence, hear Your voice, know Your will, and walk in Your ways. We ask this in the name of Jesus
Christ, our precious Lord and Savior. **AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

Jesus Calls Us

UMH 398 (vs. 1, 3, & 5)

**Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"**

**Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more!"**

**Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

Concerns of the Community

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Young Disciples' Time

David Forbus

Anthem

My Life Is in You, Lord

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Scripture Reading

Luke 2:41-52 NRSV

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?"

Gail Blythe,
Designated Lay Speaker

Closing Hymn

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH 382 (vs. 1 & 4)

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!**

Benediction

Today's Worship Leaders

Preacher & Liturgist.....Gail Blythe
Designated Lay Speaker
Music Director David Forbus
Accompanist..... Laura Benton
A/V Team Cary Marsalis, Jay Marsh

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH



THE PRAYER OF AZARIAH = SUSANNA = BEL AND THE DRAGON

THE DANIEL ADDITIONS

An Introduction to the Apocrypha

A four Week Study

Beginning Monday, January 18 6:30 pm

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The study is based on the Greek version of the book of Daniel which includes the *Prayer of Azariah*, *Suzanna*, and *Bel and the Dragon* from the Apocrypha. There will be a thirty-minute video on the website each week, followed by the Zoom discussion session on Mondays @ 6:30pm.

Don't worry if your Bible doesn't include the Apocrypha – each week's handout will include the passages being discussed.

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