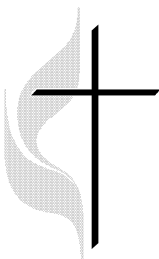


Mt. Pocono United Methodist Church

Traditional Service



*Baptism of the Lord
January 10th, 2021*

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**You are invited to stand as we praise God.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC “Once in Royal David’s City” UMH 250

1. Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed;
Mary, loving mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern;
day by day, like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feeleth for our sadness,
and he shareth in our gladness.

4. And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

P: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.

L: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children

P: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

L: Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love

P: AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN** "*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*" UMH 611

1. Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

2. Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.

3. Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are; from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
live as one who bears Christ's name.

4. Child of God, your loving Parent,
learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.

***OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)** Almighty God, parent of all who call upon your name, in the waters of baptism you have transformed us, marking us as your children, and re-creating us through the work of your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit. Shower us once more with your grace that we might be renewed in your spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

***RESPONSE TO PEACE:** "Spirit Song" UMH 611

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Refrain:

Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

Oh come and sing the song of gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

Refrain

Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

***PRESENTATION OF GIFTS & OFFERTORY PRAYER (UNISON) Loving God, you powerfully proclaim through your prophet John the need for us to repent of our sins and to prepare the way of the Lord. We place these offerings upon your altar with the knowledge that they will support many ministries that proclaim your Good News and lead people on your path. We pray with your guiding presence. Amen**

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:39-40 *New Testament*

MESSAGE A Little Child Shall Lead Them *DS Steve Morton*

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (NRSV)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE(S) Lord in your mercy; hear our prayers, Lord for this joy, hear our praise

***CLOSING HYMN** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" UMH 420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternit

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Kurt Faussette



Calling all soup makers! We are planning on having the super bowl soup sale again this year. Due to COVID, we have to make adjustments to how we are running the soup sale. This year we will be taking advanced orders only.

Due to this, we are only going to offer 3 types of soup: chicken noodle, chili and vegetable (no meat). We will be selling quart size containers only and we will supply you with the containers.

If you would like to make a soup for the fundraiser please call the church office, 570-839-9902.

Thank you for helping us to make this fund raiser a success.

