

*Centenary United Methodist Church*



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LORD

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*January 10, 2021*

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**Celebrating the Gift of Christ's Resurrection in Centenary United Methodist Church**

Worship Leader: Rev. Heidi Chamberlain ~ Music Director: Janet Tucker

\*Please stand, whether in body or in spirit

## **WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST**

### **PRELUDE**

*As we gather, take time for quiet contemplation and prayer*

### **\*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

**All: AMEN**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

L: God who watches over us, offering us light and hope,  
Be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus' baptism.  
Help us to remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us.  
Remind us again of the many ways in which you reach out to us.  
May the image of the waters be for us an image of hope.  
Bring us closer to you, loving God. Embrace us again with your love.  
We open our hearts to you this day. **AMEN**

## **WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**//INTO THE JORDAN//**

featuring KELLY ANN HALL

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### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**All: Lord, as we gather this day, may we hear your voice in our hearts  
and feel your powerful healing presence in our lives.**

**Give us strength and courage to truly be your disciples,  
bringing peace and hope in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**AMEN**

**GOD'S WORD – THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 42:1-9

**GOD'S WORD – THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Acts 19:1-7

**\*GOD'S WORD – THE GOSPELS**

Mark 1:4-11

**THE MESSAGE**

“Defining Moments”

Rev. Heidi Chamberlain

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Down to the River to Pray”

Worship & Song #3164

**Performed by COVID-19 Virtual Choir Schola Diffusa**

"During COVID-19 isolation, singers from around the country — from those who sing for pure joy to touring professionals — sang this piece from their homes. Few choirs can gather these varied backgrounds and geographies, all singing together (while apart). I'm proud of what Schola Diffusa (Latin for "dispersed choir") has made during these trying times. And after this, I hope that many of us can go down to the river and sing."  
[Damien Riehl] – **Used by permission CCLI/LVLI**

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*During this time of social distancing, we are mindful that the work of the church continues. As such, we ask for your continued stewardship. If you are unable to attend “in-person” worship, please mail your tithes and offerings:*

**Malone: Centenary UMC**

**345 W. Main Street Malone, NY 12953**

**THE DOXOLOGY**

*Responding to God's invitation, in joy, we offer our gifts*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: Wondrous God, we delight in your abundant gifts and receive your bounty with thanks. As we share a portion of your abundance, transform our offerings, that they may be your promise of hope to a world in need. Transform our lives, that we may walk in your ways and be a light to all the world. AMEN**

### **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**L: Go forth joyfully. God is with you. Bring peace and hope to all you meet. And may God's eternal love shine through you always. AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

*Go forward, to live the church, in ministry to all the world!*

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: STILL WATERS ~ Written by Thom M. Shuman © 2011

One drop of water from the sea,  
flowing your hope into our sight,  
placed on our heads and  
into our hearts,  
touching all in whom you delight.  
still, your waters run deep in us;  
still, your love overflows our  
parched lives;  
still, you call us your Heart's true love:  
Holy in One.

One drop of water from the sky,  
tears of joy on each upturned face,  
running down cheeks  
to fill empty hearts,  
so we thirst never for your grace.

One drop of water from your heart  
shatters the flimsy bonds of death;  
your Spirit singing softly to us,  
quenching our fears with  
your brash breath

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*Rev. Mike Weeden*, District Superintendent – Choir Director & Organist: *Janet Tucker*  
*Rev. Heidi R. Chamberlain*, Pastor – Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:  
*Beth Mosher*

**Next Sunday January 17, 2021**

**Liturgical Color: Green – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Greeter(s): All of the Congregation!**

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