Welcome to Worship at Central UMC!

We are blessed by your presence today! Please complete a **Connect Card** located in the pew back. Doing so allows you to connect with your church family by sharing prayer concerns, learning about new ministries and lets us know you joined us for worship.

Children are welcome to remain in the worship service. Our nursery is located in Room 107. Toddlers and Children through 2nd grade are invited to Kid's Worship following the Children's Message. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

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Central United Methodist Church



BAPTISM OF THE LORD
EPIPHANY SUNDAY
JANUARY 7, 2024 | 11:00 AM



[†]Please stand in body or spirit. | UMH - United Methodist Hymnal Congregational responses in **bold**.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

† HYMN OF PRAISE *Majesty* UMH 176

PSALM READING Psalm 29 UMH 761

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Erica Kirby

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Lanny Lancaster

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

⊕THE DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5

SERMON

The Sacred Now: Looking for the Light

Rev. Lancaster

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

UMH 50

†HYMN OF DEDICATION How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

⊕BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Serving in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Lanny Lancaster Liturgist: Dale Loberger Music: Sung by Central Chancel Choir; Kristi Shupe, pianist