

Newtonville United Methodist Church

January 16, 2022

Baptism of the Lord

We are delighted that you chose to join us for worship this morning! We ask that you please continue to wear your masks while in worship, and to social distance as you need to. We will sing with our masks on, but we ask that you please remain seated while doing so. Hearing assist devices are available—our ushers will be happy to help you with any needs that arise!

Welcome and Announcements

We Share Christ's Peace

(by waving, smiling, sharing the peace sign, or bowing toward our friends)

Centering Song: "Lord God, Almighty"

We are Called to Worship: (BJ Beu)

Sing praises to the Lord. Sing of God's glory and strength.

God calls us over the waters, and strengthens us for the journey.

Sing praises to Christ. Sing of Christ's healing and love.

The waters of our baptism cleanse us, renewing our spirits and nursing our wounds.

Sing praises to the Spirit. Sing of the Spirit's comfort and hope.

The flames of the Spirit are like a refiner's fire, purifying the soul to the glory of God.

We Join in Song: Hymn#334 "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

We Prayer Together: (BJ Beu)

Divine Spirit, descend upon us today, as you descended upon Jesus on the day of his baptism. In the midst of our brokenness, we long to touch the healing of your Spirit, as you touch us with your love. In the presence of evil all around us, we yearn to be protected by the holy fire of your sustaining Spirit. As we remember, with gratitude, our baptism this day, remind us that we are people of the water---a people made one and whole, through the Spirit made known in Christ Jesus. Amen!

Renewal of Baptism/Sprinkling

We Pray Together:

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer/Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

We Pray Together 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 and ever. Amen.

We Offer Our Gifts

Doxology #94/ Offertory Prayer

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia...Alleluia.

We Hear the Scripture Reading... Isaiah 43: 1-7

We Join in Song: Hymn#347 "Spirit Song"

We Hear the Gospel Reading... Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

The Message *Pastor Nick*

We Join in Song: Hymn#252 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

Blessing: (BJ Beu)

Go forth and proclaim the good news: God calls us by name and fashions us for glory.

We go as people washed clean in the waters of our baptism.

Go forth and live the good news: the Holy Spirit blesses us and seals us in God's love.

We go as people blessed by God, that we might be a blessing to others.

Sending Song: "I've Just Come from a Fountain"

CHURCH CONFERENCE – NEW DATE

There will be a church conference on **Sunday, January 23rd** in the sanctuary following worship. The agenda will include adoption of the budget and the nominations report.

All professing members, as well as clergy members of the Newtonville charge, have a vote. Everyone, member or friend, is welcome to attend.