

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

January 10, 2021



Ebenezer United Methodist Church is a

Stephen Ministry Congregation.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Flowers today are presented to the Glory of God and

In Loving Memory of Mary Guretsky

Presented by Guretsky Family

Participating in Service

Pastor:	Rev. Mary H. Browne
Organist:	Robert Rudolph
Worship Leader:	Megan Jones
Acolytes:	Charlotte and Georgia Jones
Live Stream Team:	Richard Browne, Bill Clark, and Reed Williams
Ushers:	Dorothy Towery and Sherri Hodgson
Song Leader/Soloist:	Mark Clausing

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*“And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.
And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.”
Mark 1:10-11*

January 10, 2021

10:00 AM

GATHERING

CENTERING MUSIC

“Chromatic Fugue”

Johann Pachelbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God’s strong voice calls us to worship,
calling us to sing and offer praise.
God’s creative voice calls us to worship,
calling us to life and light.
God’s loving voice calls us to worship,
calling us to love and be loved.
Listen, for God’s voice calls to us now.

*PRAISE HYMN (UMH 252)

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

alt. tune: ST.THEODULPH (UMH 280)

**When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, but as the sinless One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.**

**He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
This very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.**

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Listen, for as scripture is read,
we may hear the voice of God thundering over the waters,
hovering like a gentle breeze,
or parting the clouds and speaking words of love.
Listen for God is speaking through the ages,
and through ancient words,
into a changing world with the unchanging promise
of God’s constant presence. Amen.**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Down By the Jordan"

LOBE DEN HERREN (1,3,9)

Mark Clausing, Soloist

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:

"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!
Surely God's new day is rising!"

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"

"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I
Judges and offers salvation."

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?

This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"
Let's take the good news and share it!

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MESSAGE

" Listening to the Right Voice"

Rev. Mary Browne

PRAYER HYMN (UMH393)

"Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt Me, Mold me, fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Aria in F Major"

George Frederic Handel

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (*UMH* 87, v. 1) "What Gift Can We Bring"

ANNIVERSARY SONG

**What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it-- the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?**

*OFFERING PRAYER

**We give you thanks, O God,
for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us.
Transform our meager offerings into abundant gifts
for a world in need of your light and life.
Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world,
all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

MISSION MOMENT

video for Human Relations Day offering

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?
I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?
I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened to people
of all ages, nations, and races?
I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members
of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?
I will.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures
of the Old and New Testament.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
[who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again
to judge the living and the dead.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
[the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.]**

REAFFIRMATION PRAYER

Joined to Christ and the members of Christ's body in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning You were present by your Spirit,
blowing with possibility over a void that seemed formless and frightening.

By your Word, you called out order from the chaos.

From the water and the dust, from what appeared as nothing,

You created everything, enlivening your creatures with your own breath.

**For the water that connects us to you and all living things,
we give you thanks.**

When waters overwhelmed the earth, and both your heart and creation
were flooded with grief, you delivered Noah and his family in the ark
and set your bow in the sky as a promise. "Never again" you said.

When your people were trapped between a threatening Egyptian army
and an impassable sea, you made a way out of no way, and led Israel to safety.

Through the waters of Mary's womb, you delivered yourself to us in flesh,
a visible witness that your love knows no boundaries, physical or spiritual.

**For the water that connects us to you in flesh and spirit,
we give you thanks.**

When your disciples were tossed about by a storm on the sea,
you spoke to the waves and their hearts, saying "Peace, be still."

When Peter walked toward you on the water, sinking in his moment of doubt,
you reached out your hand to save.

In the waters of your own saliva, mixed with your creative dust,
you showed your healing power to a man born blind
and all who have heard his story.

**For the water that connects us to healing and salvation,
we give you thanks.**

As we remember the stories of creation, salvation and healing that come
through water, we remember also our own stories of baptism,

through which you have promised new life, rescue from sin and death,
and an eternal identity as beloved children.
Shower us now with your Spirit.
Sustain us daily with your promise, and renew our lives with your forgiveness,
grace and love.

Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN (UMH 347)

“Spirit Song”

SPIRIT SONG

**O let the Song of God enfold you with his Spirit and his Love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you and his Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

Refrain:

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

**O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift you hands in sweet surrender to this name.
O give him all your tears and sadness: give him all your years of pain,
And you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name. (Refrain)**

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Amidst a noisy world, make way to listen for God.
In the busiest of days, find time to listen for God.
For in the listening, we finally hear this truth:

**We are beloved children of God—
created in love, created for love, created to love.**

Let us go out there to listen and love.

May the light always shine in your darkness.
May your ears always hear the Word.
May grace upon grace be yours,
and may the glory of the Father’s only Son be known to you
now and forever. **Amen.**

*GOING FORTH

“Postlude in G Major”

George Frederic Handel

**please stand, in body or spirit*

bold text indicates congregation response

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal

††This Order of Worship is subject to the direction of the Holy Spirit.††

Scriptures in preparation for the **2nd Sunday after the Epiphany**, January 17, 2021:
1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51



Our Prayers

Michele Berk + Mike Brenda ++ Ralph Crossan ++ Benny Haines ++ John Humphreys ++ Delia Irwin ++ Ken Jamison ++++ Melinda Meenter +	Connie Miller ++ Joy Gravatt Peoples ++ Shirley Richardson ++ Phillip Stehman + Bill Winkelman ++ Becky Wolfe Ed Wolfe	<u>Ongoing Concerns</u> Jade August Barbara Anna Marie Beasom Donald Bogert Clara Breslford Roy Brown Judy Crescenzo Frieda Crossan Max Dawson Ruth Dore Victoria "Bo" Fulton Ken Johnson	Kristin Howard & Louise Pierce Curtis Reedy Denise Reedy Jeannette Richart Zach Trexler Josh Vible Alex Wiant
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In an effort to list all prayer requests each will appear for 4 weeks as indicated by the number of + after the name

Please pray for all Law Enforcement Officers.

Please continue to remember all who serve our country in the military, especially pray for those represented from our congregation.

Your giving envelopes for 2021 are available for pick up in Room 211.



In the event of inclement weather which affects a Sunday morning, please listen to WDEL-1150AM or 101.7FM or check out Snow Watch list at www.wdel.com for information regarding the cancellation of in-person worship service. We will still have a livestream service at 10:00am, probably from Pastor Mary's home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Meets every Tuesday at 9:30am in the CLC.

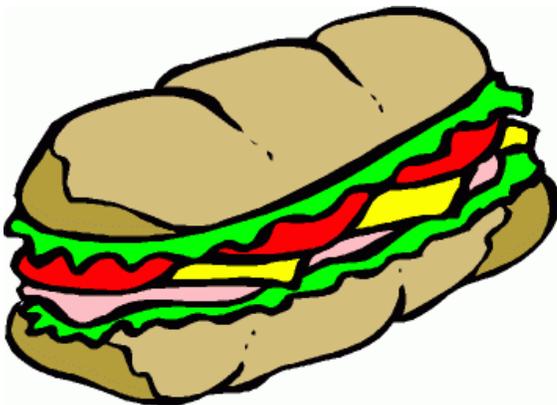
Bible Study for Today: Meets every Thursday at 9:15am in GHH. If you would like to attend, you need to please contact Nancy Williams at mtnanax3@yahoo.com or (406) 381-8304.



Souper Bowl of Caring is transforming the Big Game into a nation-wide movement inspiring people to give locally and make a collective impact on hunger. Mobilizing grassroots resources including churches, schools, civic groups and caring individuals, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has created over \$160 million worth of support that stays completely local.

In 2020, more than 5,000 groups collected over \$10.6 million in dollars and food donations for hunger-relief charities across the country. Over \$163 million has been collected since Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990.

We will be collecting cans/boxes of soup until **Sunday, February 7, the day of Super Bowl LV. Look for the box in the narthex.**



Super Bowl Sub Sale – Sunday, February 7th!!!

The Education Committee will be taking orders for **Casapulla** subs to be **picked up at 11:15am** on Sunday, February 7th.

The cost is \$8.00 each for a six-inch sub or \$13.50 each for a 12-inch sub to be paid when the subs are picked up. This fundraiser will be to benefit VBS.

Order forms will be available in the Narthex and in the bulletin. **Orders must be received by January 28th.** They may be placed in the offering plate, e-mailed to or dropped off at the church office.