



# CROSSROADS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Crossroads UMC Worship 01-09-2022

### Words of Welcome

#### Call to Worship

L: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

**P: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

L: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

**P: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

L: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

**P: Let us worship God in holy splendor.**

#### Morning Prayer *(in unison)*

**Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water, like the Star of Bethlehem, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

#### Praise

#### Star of Bethlehem

Lisa & Erika Perkins

#### Gospel Lesson

#### Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out." When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

#### Sermon

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### **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 in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Benediction**