

# CENTERPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION (*silently pray*)

*Creator Spirit, who in the beginning hovered over the waters, who at Jesus' baptism descended in the form of a dove, and who at Pentecost was poured out under the signs of fire and wind, come to us. Open our hearts and minds so that we may hear the life-giving Word and be renewed by your power, in the unity of the Father and the Son, now and forever.*

WELCOME AND BREATH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (*silently pray*)

Holy God of glory and majesty, you have called us by name. We pray in this moment for courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of your Son's baptism, open our hearts also, that we may experience again the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship, that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OPENING HYMN # 585

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

United Methodist Hymnal

Thomas & Madeline Ferrante

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
this little light of me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Everywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
everywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
everywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

All through the night, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
all through the night, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
all through the night, I'm goin'-a let shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(join in prayer)*

Gracious God, we come today with joy for our baptism; we come with praise for your glory; we come with gratitude for your love. As we offer these gifts to you, send your Spirit upon us, that our hands and our hearts may do your work in the world. As we offer our lives to you, bless us with your strength, that we may join you to work for the blessing of peace throughout the world. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Your Grace Still Amazes Me"* Andrew Craig & Connie Harrington  
Megan Ferrante

My faithful Father, enduring Friend  
Your tender mercy's like a river with no end  
It overwhelms me, covers my sin  
Each time I come into Your presence  
I stand in wonder once again

Your grace still amazes me  
Your love is still a mystery  
Each day I fall on my knees  
'Cause Your grace still amazes me  
Your grace still amazes me

Oh, patient Saviour, You make me whole  
You are the Author and the Healer of my soul  
What can I give You, Lord, what can I say  
I know there's no way to repay You  
Only to offer You my praise

Your grace still amazes me  
Your love is still a mystery  
Each day I fall on my knees  
'Cause Your grace still amazes me  
Your grace still amazes me

It's deeper, it's wider  
It's stronger, it's higher  
It's deeper it's wider  
It's stronger, it's higher than anything my eyes can see

Your grace still amazes me  
Your love is still a mystery  
Each day I fall on my knees  
'Cause Your grace still amazes me  
Your grace still amazes me

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(join in prayer)*

Come divine Interpreter, bring our eyes to read and our ears to hear the mystical words from you that speak of your love and grace. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17;21-22

New Revised Standard Version

*Jesus is Baptized*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved;<sup>[a]</sup> with you I am well pleased."

MESSAGE

Pastor Roy

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

CLOSING HYMN #347

*"The Spirit Song"*

United Methodist Hymnal

○ let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. ○ let him have the things that hold you.  
And his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.  
Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

○ come and sing this with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. ○ give him all your tears and sadness,  
Give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.  
Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, ○ Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

BENEDICTION