

\*Gathering Prayer

\*Worship with Song    *Creation Sings*    TFWS, 3018

Worship at the Water of Baptism  
Savannah Jo Sniegowski

We are a people of the water!  
          **We worship a God whose love flows  
          through water.**  
Love, like rain, awakens the sleeping seed within the  
soul and coaxes it to blossom.  
          **We worship a God whose love flows  
          through water.**  
Love, like a wading pool, inspires the laughter of  
children, jumping, splashing, shivering with wet joy.  
          **We worship a God whose love flows  
          through water.**  
Love, like a hot shower after a long day’s work,  
cleanses us, reawakens us.  
          **We worship a God whose love flows  
          through water.**  
Love, like tiny drops, drips from fingertips to  
forehead. Through baptism, the family of faith  
makes room for one more.

Do you who are baptized promise to guide,  
challenge, comfort and support this newest disciple  
as she grows in faith? Do you recommit yourselves  
to your own baptismal vows, remembering your  
promises to God?  
          **With the help of God and this faith  
          community, we do.**

Prayer of Congregational Blessing

**God of love, we thank you for our common calling  
to be disciples of Christ. Help us to nurture Grace  
in the faith we share. Grant us the strength to  
shepherd her through the difficult places of life.  
Grant us opportunities to be at play with her and  
at rest with her. May this, your child, grow to  
love, worship and serve you in delight bringing  
life to the world. Amen.**

**Service of Scripture & Song**

First Reading  
Genesis 1.1-5, NRSVue - Robin Martens  
First Song    *Morning Has Broken* UMH, 145

Congregational Response  
You are the light of the world.  
          **Let your light so shine before others, that they  
          may see your good works and give glory to your  
          Father in heaven.**                      ~Jesus in Matthew

Second Reading  
Jonah 2.1-9, NRSVue - Elaine Konyha  
Second Song  
*Wayfaring Stranger* - Richard Saint Denis

Congregational Response  
You are the light of the world.  
          **Let your light so shine before others, that they may  
          see your good works and give glory to your Father  
          in heaven.**                      ~Jesus in Matthew

Third Reading  
Isaiah 9.2-7, NRSVue - Ted Towl  
Third Song  
*Shine on Us* - Marsha Barter & Vicki Spear

Congregational Response  
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          **Let your light so shine before others, that they may  
          see your good works and give glory to your Father  
          in heaven.**                      ~Jesus in Matthew

Fourth Reading  
1 John 1.5-7, NRSVue - Robin Martens  
Fourth Song    *We Are Called* TFWS, 2172

Congregational Response  
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          **Let your light so shine before others, that they may  
          see your good works and give glory to your Father  
          in heaven.**                      ~Jesus in Matthew

Fifth Reading

Revelation 22.1-5, NRSVue - Pastor Vaughn

Fifth Song

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

UMH, 103, vs 1, 2, 4

Congregational Response

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**Let your light so shine before others, that they may  
see your good works and give glory to your Father  
in heaven.** ~Jesus in Matthew

Reflection Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

**And to become the Breath of God in Community**

Worship with our Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offertory

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Hymn of Blessing

***Shall We Gather at the River*** UMH, 723, vs 1, 2, 4

Benediction

*Thank You for Serving*

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox
<b>Liturgist</b>	Robin Martens
<b>Readers</b>	Elaine Konyha, & Ted Towl
<b>Musician</b>	Marsha Barter
<b>Special Music</b>	Marsha Barter, Vicki Spear, & Richard Saint Denis
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Ken & Elaine Konyha
<b>Ushers</b>	Harry Barter & Patti Davidson
<b>Tech</b>	Keith Danielson, Dan Girvan, & John Faas



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**Our Vision:** To be the Breath of God in Community  
**Our Values:** Loving God, Serving Others, Welcoming All



*Centenary United  
Methodist Church*

The Breath of God in Community

February 11, 2024

Last Sunday of Epiphany

**We Gather Together**

Prelude ***Jesus Loves Me***  
Marsha Barter & Vicki Spear

Welcome & Announcements

**For Worship**

\*Call to Worship:  
In the beginning . . .  
**God.**  
In the beginning . . .  
**God's Spirit.**  
In the beginning . . .  
**God's Word.**  
In the beginning . . .  
**God's Light.**  
In the beginning . . .  
**A new day.**  
In the beginning for every day,  
**God's gift of creation.**

*\* Please Stand*