

\*Gathering Prayer

\*Worship with Song

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Name***

UMH, 384, vs 1-2, 4

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Worship with Song ***Rise Up, O Saints of God***

UMH, 576, vs. 1, 3-4

**To Breathe God In**

Children’s Church

Reading of Scripture

1 Corinthians 12.12-13, NRSVue

Hymn of Preparation

***They’ll Know We are Christians by Our Love***

TFWS, 2223

Reading of Scripture 1 Peter 2.9-10, NRSVue

Words from the past made new to us today!

**Thanks be to God!**

Message **Baptism into Community**

Rev. Dr. Vaughn Thurston-Cox

Worship with Music and Reflection

**And to be 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.*

Worship with Communion

The Gathering

Once again we gather,

From different homes and circumstances,

With different dreams and ideas, different values and

tastes, Different in age and color, different in gender

and language,

**Yet, we are one family – Children of God every one;**

**We join our hearts in worship,**

**We join our voices in praise**

**And we join our lives as the Body of Christ. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Breaking of Bread

**We believe in the God who made every man and woman in God's image. We believe in the Christ who died to reconcile every human being to God, and to restore our common humanity.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit that has always hovered over creation, and ignites love's fire in our hearts.**

**We believe in the community of faith that worships God, follows Jesus, and lives by the Spirit.**

**And we believe in the time when all things will be made new, and all things will be brought together under Christ. Amen.**

Lord God, we praise You and we thank You,

We are the product of Your creativity, made to be like

You; When we rebelled against You, and denied our

true selves, You stepped into our flesh and our

reality, and submitted to the cross so that we could find our way home.

And now, in gratitude, we join in the love song of creation for all eternity:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ has risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

We remember how all things were made new:

On the night before He died, Jesus took the loaf of

bread, and after blessing it, and breaking it, He gave it

to His friends and said:

**This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

When supper was finished, He took the cup of wine, and after blessing it, He gave it to His friends:

**This is my blood shed for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

With thanksgiving we eat and drink; With joy we remember, And with Christ's inclusive love we gather together around His table.

**Amen.**

Going Out Into The World

"Go into all the world," said Jesus;

**We go to make His loving words heard.**

"What you do for the least, you do for Me," said Jesus;

**We go to make His loving deeds seen.**

"I will never drive away any who come to me," said Jesus;

**We go to make His loving invitation known.**

May the love of God, the Three-in-One, fill our hearts and make us one with God, and with all of God's children,

**And may we grow in that love now and always.**

**Amen**

\*Hymn of Blessing    *The Servant Song*    TFWS, 2222

Benediction

*Thank You for Serving*

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<b>Musician</b>	Diane Larson
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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 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

**We Gather Together**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**For Worship**

\*Call to Worship:

Welcome home, people of God.

**We have come to find refuge  
in the shelter of God's care.**

Come and sit down.

There is room for everyone in God's house.

**We have come to be nourished  
by God's word.**

We are God's own people,

And are precious in God's sight.

**We have come to give thanks  
for God's faithful love.**

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