

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 12, 2025 Baptism of the Lord

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

A Time of Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A voice comes from heaven and calls us beloved.

PEOPLE: Water washes over us and we are changed.

Leader: A voice tells us we are precious in God's sight.

PEOPLE: Our love, praise, and gratitude greet the Spirit who blesses us in baptism.

Leader: Let us worship the One who calls from the water - the God of love and transformation.

*OPENING HYMN *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* # 662

UNISON PRAYER God of love, in this time of worship help us hear you claim us as your own as you call us beloved; help us claim our own identity as precious and honored. As we reaffirm our baptism this day, remind us who we are and whose we are. Strengthen us to do your work in this world, to transform our fragmented world into your beloved Kingdom. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 29 # 761

Act of Confession and Pardon

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION God of water and Spirit, it is hard to hear your voice calling us beloved amid the multitude

of voices around us. Even when we hear your voice, it is hard to believe the depth of your love for us. Open our ears, Loving One, to hear your voice. Open our eyes to see your amazing presence in the world. Help us feel your strength filling us and enabling us to be and do what you call us to be and do and forgive us our doubts and excuses, we pray. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Trust the promise of the One who said at your birth, 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, and you are mine.'

PEOPLE: We believe this in our hearts and are at peace.

Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43.1-7 (pg. 672)

CHORAL ANTHEM

EPISTLE READING Acts 8.14-17 (pg. 126)

GOSPEL READING Luke 3.15-17, 21-22 (pg. 60)

SERMON *A Voice from Heaven*

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The congregation will be invited to come forward and reaffirm their baptismal covenant

*HYMN *When Jesus Came to Jordan* # 252

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer

A Baptismal Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

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Choral Prayer Response

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN *O, Jesus I Have Promised*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF BENEDICTION

Leader: May God bless us with strength and hope.

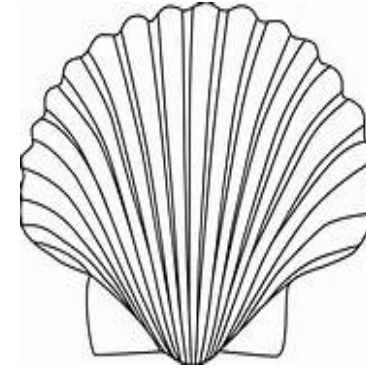
PEOPLE: May God bless us with justice and peace.

Leader: Go forth in ministry with Jesus as baptized and committed disciples, knowing that God loves you and calls you by name. Go forth!

BENEDICTION IN SONG *Spirit of the Living God*

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*POSTLUDE



Baptism of the Lord

Lisbon United Methodist Church
welcomes, nurtures, and serves
all people
with the love of Christ.

Today's Worship Leaders

Judy Rathbun, Lay Reader

Verne Smith, Video Production Manager

Debbie Greim, Organist and Choir Director

Rev. Elizabeth J. Bachelder Smith, Pastor