

## CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

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### BAPTISM OF JESUS

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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### We Gather as God's People

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light the Christ candle remembering the star that led the wise men to the Christ child.

All: May his light shine through us as a beacon of hope in our world.  
(Christ candle is lit.)

Response: #87 [VU] *I Am the Light of the World* (refrain)

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

#### Call to Worship:

One: As Jesus came out of the water, a voice from heaven said,

All: "This is my son, my beloved, with whom I am very pleased.  
Listen to him!"

One: As Jesus sat at the table, he said to those gathered around,

All: "You're my friends, for I've told you everything that God has  
told me."

One: At the font and at the table, we meet Christ.

All: In the church and in the world, we meet Christ.

One: In our tears and in our laughter, we meet Christ.

All: In the sacraments, in the love, in the meeting, in this  
community, we worship God.

Hymn: #101 [VU] *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (tune #516 VU)

#### Opening Prayer

One: Gracious God, today we celebrate Jesus' baptism.

All: Today as we remember Jesus' baptism, we recall our own.

One: Like Jesus, we, too long, to hear the affirming voice saying:

All: "You are my own dear child, my beloved; on you, my favor  
rests."

One: May we hear that still, small voice this morning.

All: Our arms today and help us to find our voice, that we might,  
by word and action, deliver those affirming words for one  
another. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #583 [VU] *Jesus Came, a Child like Me*

Time With The Young-at-Heart

### We Listen For God's Word

#### Prayer of Illumination

One: Holy God, as we receive your word today, reach into our hearts  
and plant your love in us.

All: Reach into our experience and find the unexplored places that  
need and healing and understanding.

One: Reach into our faith your gospel and shape us with your word of  
life.

All: Prepare us to serve you with confidence, imitating Christ as  
we live as your people. Amen.

Scriptures: Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29 - #756

Matthew 3:13-17



Reflection

### We Respond to God's Word

Hymn: #100 [VU] *When Jesus Came to be Baptized*

#### Prayer of Confession:

One: Out of the waters of baptism, you call us, O God, with the same  
words you spoke to your son: This is my beloved.

All: As for him, this call is meant to send us into the world to serve  
you as we serve the least among us.

One: Sometimes we see this as a private, 'feel-good' experience instead  
of the call to service it's intended to be.

All: Forgive us, God. As you remind us again and again that we're  
your beloved, remind us also of our place and responsibility as your  
present disciples. Amen.

### **Words of Assurance**

One: God has equipped us in many ways for the service to which God calls us.

**All: We recognize that forgiveness and acceptance are a first step in being so equipped.**

One: Accept these gifts and be joyful.

**All: We accept them with thankful hearts. Amen.**

### **Dedication of Offering**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Hymn: #99 [VU] *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized***

### **Commissioning and Benediction:**

One: We joined Jesus at the Jordan;

**All: there he was baptized.**

One: Then he sent out among the people,

**All: calling them to follow him - and we followed, too.**

One: Today he calls us to go out into the world

**All: and share the Good News.**

**One: God is with us!**

**All: God is with us, indeed, as we go from this place. Alleluia! Amen.**

**Response: #79 [VU] *Arise, Your Light Is Come* (v.1)**

### **Announcements**

**Service Times:** December thru March - Wawota 9:30 am, Maryfield 11:30 am.

**Upcoming meetings:** local AGMs Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>; Crossroads AGM Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in Maryfield

**Annual Reports:** IF you are responsible for preparing a 2022 year-end report or financial statement for the “Annual Crossroads Report”, please email Debbie at [ucwawota@gmail.com](mailto:ucwawota@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Thanks in advance!

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### **Maryfield**

**Bible Study: Thursday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Haven.**