

Welcome to worship! Activity bags for children are available on the book shelf in the lobby if your little one would like to pack a bag of items to play with during worship. Children are always welcome in sanctuary, but a staffed nursery is also available at the end of the hall for any babies, toddlers, and preschoolers who prefer more space to wiggle and play. Large print bulletins are available near the entrance for those who need them.

\* indicates you are invited to stand

**Bold text** indicates a unison prayer or response

## PRELUDE

## GREETING

## CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

Leader: The Voice of God prods our hearing

**People: The activity of God stretches our seeing.**

Leader: Together they invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows.

**People: From there we may rise to go, to dare, to walk, and to serve beyond where we have been before.**

*Martha Brunell, The Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual, Series 2, Year A (Abingdon Press, 2001), 58.*

## \*OPENING SONGS

"Lord God, Almighty" vs 1 & 3 Faith We Sing # 2006

"Fairest Lord Jesus" Hymnal # 189

## OPENING PRAYER

**Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are**

**baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

*Hymnal #253*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-9

Matthew 3:13-17

MESSAGE "Ordinarily Noteworthy"

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## PRAYER HYMN

"Spirit Song" Hymnal # 347

## OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

\*DOXOLOGY Hymnal # 94

## CLOSING PRAYER

God of the water that cleans us, the land that feeds us, and the air that allows us to breathe your Spirit in and out of us; you claim us in our baptism, yet we too rarely grasp its full meaning and power. As we commit our lives and our gifts to You once again, help us to hear your words of blessing and guidance over us still today. May we remember that in that water we were, like Christ, commissioned to go: to teach, preach, heal, and even to take up a cross. In Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

## \*HYMN

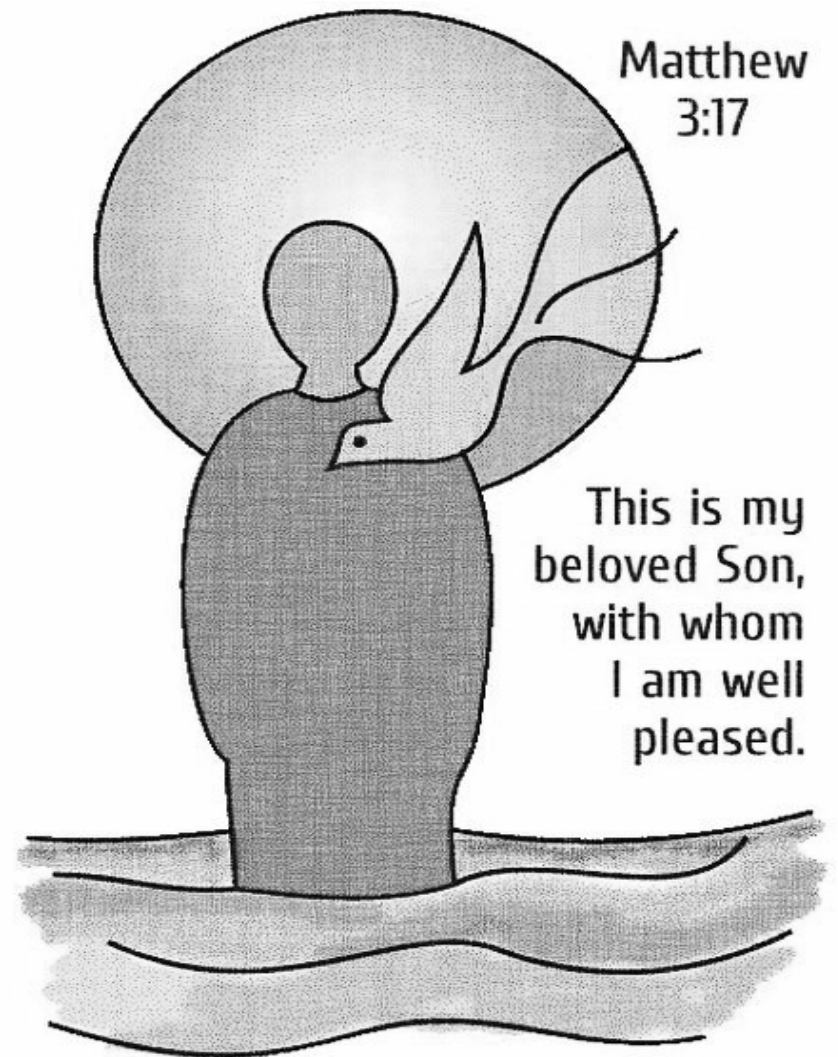
"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

Hymnal # 252

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING .

## POSTLUDE



Matthew  
3:17

This is my  
beloved Son,  
with whom  
I am well  
pleased.

*Menomonie United Methodist Church*

*January 8, 2023*

