

Skyland Community Church, UCC



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Sunday Morning Worship January 9, 2022

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Connect with Skyland Community Church

Worship Service: Sunday 10:30 am

Open Communion: 1st Sunday of each month

Thursdays Bible Study (Zoom) 10:00-11:00

Thursdays Community Check-In (Zoom) 4:00-5:00

See website or weekly email for Zoom links.

PRELUDE and CENTERING MOMENT

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Worship Ways, adapted

One: Sisters and brothers, today we recall Jesus coming to the waters of baptism.

All: In baptism, our Creator claims us and frees us from the power of apathy and indifference.

One: In baptism we are joined to Christ and we are joined together in unity, recalling

All: “There is no longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free, no longer male or female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”

One: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of divine love. It is the mark of acceptance into the church and the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

All: Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates. Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

#85 I Woke Up This Morning

*UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, we confess that too often we live as though we are fearful, not faithful. When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion, we don't easily pass through them, but we obsess about the height of the water instead of the sight of the other side. You promised to walk through the rivers with us. Help us believe. And help our unbelief. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

CHORAL ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON

“Immersed in Love”

Rev. Melanie Weiner

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#286 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;
All glory, honor to God's name. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator (Father, Mother, God,...) in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

#5 Praise to God

*BENEDICTION

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