

The Church Responds to God

We hear Christ's words this day as we strive to be stewards of God's great mercy. Let us give generously as we too remember that our very selves belong to God.

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OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

God of redemption and new life, we focus once more this day on the greatest gift ever given – Jesus, our Savior. As he was baptized by John in the Jordan, we were able to share in his baptism and receive the promise of sharing in Jesus' resurrection. As we leave a painful year behind and look with hope to the new year ahead, help us to live and give of ourselves as those who know every day what a great gift we have been given. May it move us to give our whole selves more freely! In the name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray! Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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.**

*HYMN Blessed Assurance #369 (1 & 3)
Linda Moser

*DEPART WITH BLESSING

May God enfold you in tender and lasting love.

May Christ be beside you in times of struggle.

And may the Spirit guide you back to the path whenever you stray,
that you may keep the covenant.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. AMEN.

POSTLUDE Sarah Johanson

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Mission Statement

"Transformed Lives, Transform Communities"

"Bring Them In, Grow Them Up, Send Them Out"

January 10, 2021

9:30 Worship

First Sunday after the Epiphany

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AT HOME

1. If you're at home with your spouse or family **begin by gathering** around the table. If it's just you, maybe you could phone or FaceTime a friend to "join" you for worship.
2. Once you're in place **light a candle** to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit. This is a good way to signal that you are entering into sacred time, and the place where you were chatting and laughing just a moment ago has become a sacred place.
3. **Bring your own Bible** (and a Hymnal).
4. **Turn on your computer, smartphone, or tablet PC**
5. **Login www.monroeumc.com and scroll down**
Or Facebook Live Stream 9:30 am
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CENTERING WORDS

"Epiphany is about seeing Christ, about the manifestation of Messiah in the person of Jesus. Certainly, the proclamation made at his baptism, the tearing open of the heavens, and the descending of the Spirit like a dove can be that revelatory experience."

PRELUDE

Sarah Johanson

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

Pastor

