



# Tearing Apart the Heavens

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**Prelude/Gathering Music**

We Three Kings

**Welcome:**

Pastor Patty Robinson

**Announcements:**

Pastor Patty

**Opening Hymn**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley

Performed by Chris Tomlin

**\*Call to Worship –**

Pastor Patty

**Leader:** Wise men came to Jerusalem, looking for Jesus.

**People:** Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?

**Leader:** The prospect of a real, God-given, heaven-born king frightened King Herod, who immediately set out to destroy my Jesus.

**People:** But we found him anyway and laid our gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh at his feet.

**All:** For we have seen his star at its rising, and have come to worship him.

**Pastoral Prayer:****Prayer Concerns and Joys****The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Giving Back to God**                      **Doxology**                      UMH 95

**\*Pray of Dedication**                      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.

**Scripture**                      Mark 1: 4-11                      Pastor Patty

**Sermon:**      Kings and Baptisms                      Pastor Patty

**Reaffirmation of Faith**                      **pages 3,4,5**

**\*Closing Hymn:**      **Come Into the Waters of Baptism**

**Benediction:**                      Pastor Patty

**Postlude:**      **Gloria Patri**                      **Visual Doxology**

**\*The congregation standing as able in praise of God**

**In case of severe weather and there is a need to cancel our worship, please check church email, Facebook or our church website any time after 8:00 AM Sunday morning. The church does keep a list of members/regular attendees without electronic connectivity and will notify them by phone of any cancellations.**

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT IV

### Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

#### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and service as Christ's representatives in the world?

**I will.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the**

**Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.]**

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT IV**

### **Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, [the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.]**

### **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

...Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, in the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,...

...to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, ...

...that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,**

**through your Son Jesus Christ,**

**who with you and the Holy Spirit**

**lives and reigns for ever.**

**Amen.**

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT IV

### Congregational Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

#### REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Amen.**

The Holy Spirit work with you,  
that having been born through water and the Spirit,  
you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

#### THANKSGIVING

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given us.**

**As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**



Mt. Airy Net needs for **January** are:

- \* Canned lunches (Chef Boyardee)
- \* Jello \* Pudding

You can drop off to church when office is open.

The Net will take any items you want to donate.