** Grace St. Paul’s United Methodist Church**

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

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Baptism of The Lord January 8, 2023

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE: May the Peace of Christ be with you!

 **And also with you!**

\*OPENING HYMN **“When Jesus Came to Jordan”** No. 252

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

**People: According to your abundant mercy, wash us of our iniquities and cleanse us from our sin.**

Leader: Create within us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us.

**People: Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.**

Leader: Praise The Lord! His mercy is unfailing! He has given us a suitable sacrifice and has covered our sins.

**People: We rejoice in the Lord who has sprinkled us with water; we rejoice in God our Savior who has put his Spirit within us.**

**Both: Blessed are those who abide in the Lord, who have been washed by the blood and presented as blameless before Him.**

PRAYER OF PETITION

**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.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Acts 19:1-7*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

 Offertory

 \*Doxology No. 95

SERMON *Baptism: What It Meant, What It Means.*

 *(Matthew 3:1-3, 13-17)*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT No.50

\*CLOSING HYMN “**Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”** No. 500

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (v.1)”** No.664

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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