

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Nancy Miller  
*Liturgist*

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**The Crossroads Choir**  
Beth Polen  
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## TODAY AT CROSSROADS

Plan to stay after worship today  
for coffee, cookies and fellowship

**and also to help  
de-green the church!**

Any help you can provide  
our decorating committee  
will be greatly appreciated!

## Spring Newsletter

**Deadline:  
Sunday, February 16**

*Our March newsletter  
will cover both  
Lent and Easter*

*Submit your items to  
Christopher Dazey*

## MUSIC NOTES



Today's organ meditation is a setting of a Baptismal hymn written by Martin Luther in the 1500s. The text is: To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord, to do His Father's pleasure; Baptized by John, the Father's Word was given us to treasure. This heavenly washing now shall be a cleansing from transgression, and by His blood and agony release from death's oppression. A new life now awaits us.

## A Baptismal Prayer

*We take time from our busy schedules to reflect on the holiness of baptism. We stand amazed at the wondrous works of God. God's goodness radiates through us as we experience the joy of coming into fellowship. We come with humble and willing hearts. We remember our baptism and pray for all who will be baptized. We pray that God will bring us and them into sweet fellowship found through baptism and remind us of the truth that lies in its holiness.*

Theon Johnson III,  
The Africana Worship Book, Year B

**To help keep our sacred space clean, at the conclusion of the service,  
please return this bulletin to one of the wooden tables located throughout the sanctuary**



Sunday, January 12, 2025

10:00 am



120 Cleveland Ave SW  
Canton, OH 44702

[cantonforallpeople.org](http://cantonforallpeople.org)

*Our service begins with a carillon prelude at 9:45 am*

*You are invited during this time to make your financial offering  
in one of the wooden offering boxes located at the center of the sanctuary*

*Please silence your electronic devices before the service begins*

*\* - Please stand as you are able  
UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal  
TFWS - The Faith We Sing*

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

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### THE GATHERING & CARILLON PRELUDE

### THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Christ, Our Lord, to the Jordan Came*

Setting by Dietrich Buxtehude

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist*

When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

**I will be with you.**

*Liturgist*

When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

**I will be with you.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH no. 895

*Pastor*

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**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.**

### \*THE RECEIVING OF THE EUCHARIST & BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

*All are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table and to receive a Baptismal renewal*

### \*THE CLOSING HYMN

TFWS no. 2218

*You Are Mine*

### \*THE BENEDICTION

### THE POSTLUDE

by Noel Rawsthorne

*Fanfare*

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Happy  
Birthday

1/14 — Maxine McClung  
1/17 — Todd Polen  
1/18 — Nancy Miller  
1/19 - Maxine Suter

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*Pastor*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Pastor*

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Pastor*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Pastor*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you...

...And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Pastor*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...And so, in remembrance of the your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

*Liturgist*

Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our  
souls, God declares:

**I will be with you.**

*Liturgist*

So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves,  
whose mercies never end.

**Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of  
baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! AMEN.**

### \*THE ENTRANCE HYMN

UMH no. 605

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

### \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

UMH no. 882

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

**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.**

**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. AMEN.**

*cont.*

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

UMH no. 70

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*After the message, the children are dismissed to Sunday School  
The Lord’s Prayer will be said during the liturgy of the Eucharist*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 43: 1 - 7

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Pastor*  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

*Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You*

by Diane Hannibal  
Sung by the Crossroads Choir

**THE THANKSGIVING & \*DOXOLOGY**

UMH no. 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia!*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21 - 22

**THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

UMH no. 252

**THE MESSAGE**

The Reverend Don Ackerman

*I Love You, All the Time*

**THE INVITATION & CONFESSION**

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*Pastor*

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*Pastor*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Glory to God. AMEN.**

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