



Sunday, January 11, 2026

10:00 am



CANTON, OHIO
CROSSROADS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

120 Cleveland Ave SW
Canton, OH 44702

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

**- Please stand as you are able*

UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

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

Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Liturgist

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Liturgist

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Liturgist

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

***THE ENTRANCE HYMN**

When Jesus Came to Jordan

UMH no. 252

***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.**

***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.*

cont.

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 42: 1 - 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

A New Year Dawns With Grace and Hope

by Jon Paige & Brad Nix

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

Matthew 3: 13 - 17

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

UMH no. 605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Mary Jo Yeakel

Fruits in This Season

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.

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.

cont.

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...

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

All are welcome to receive Communion at the Lord's table

*THE CLOSING HYMN

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

UMH no. 606

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Epilogue

by Norman Gilbert

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Reverend Mary Jo Yeakel
Lead Pastor

The Reverend Don Ackerman
Liturgist

Julie Smith
Director of Children's Ministries

The Crossroads Choir
Beth Polen
Director of Music Ministries

Christopher Dazey
Organist, Pianist & Carillonneur

Happy
Birthday

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

Welcome Mary Jo Yeakel

*Everyone is invited to our newly refurbished Wesley Hall
immediately after the service
for a special reception and meal welcoming our new Pastor!*

SOUP-A-THON

Sunday, January 18, 2026 - 11:15 AM



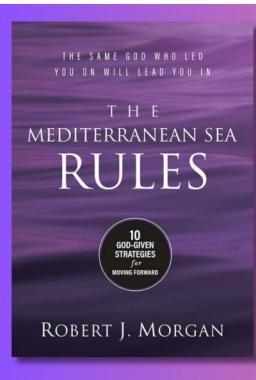
Everyone is invited to Wesley Hall on Sunday, January 18 for hot soup and warm fellowship

Bring your favorite soup, side or dessert to share!

Donations taken to benefit Canton For All People's Safe Passage Program

To sign up to bring food, or for more information, contact Megan Smith adchic0819@yahoo.com

Poinsettias



THE SAME GOD WHO LED YOU ON WILL LEAD YOU IN

THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA
RULES

ROBERT J. MORGAN

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF A WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP ABOUT THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA RULES BY ROBERT MORGAN?

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (OFFICE@CROSSROADS120.ORG)
OR TALK TO AMY RIVERS ON A SUNDAY MORNING

If enough women are interested, the group will begin meeting in January!

Please take a poinsettia when you leave the church today, either for yourself or for someone you know whose day will be brightened by it!

SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER

The Crossroads Chronicle Weekly

cantonforallpeople.org/email

THIS WEEK AT CROSSROADS

Wednesday, January 14

Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 am - Conference Room

Friday, January 16

Gibbs Food Ministry
2:00 pm - Education Wing

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