**Luke 3: 15-18; 21-22**

***15****The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah.****16****John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.****17****His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”****18****And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.*

***21****When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened****22****and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”*

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**Our Prayer List Jon Barton, Jim Slaughter, Joe Loving, Jr, Thom Witting, Gabriela Rangel, Geri Tankersly, Rhonda Hale** \*\*\*

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***We Gather***

**Gather in Song** … Avery Bolden (2)

**Scripture** … Galatians 3: 26-28 … Nickey Wright

***26****So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,****27****for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.****28****There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

**Greetings/Call to Worship** … Lisa Robinson God is with us always and from the heavens, calls us each by name. **When we pass through difficulties,** God is with us**. When we are discouraged,** God is with us. When we shout for joy, God is with us. When we sing in hallelujah praise, God is with us. And when we worship in spirit and in truth, God is with us. Come, together let us worship and praise the God who is always with us…

***We Call Upon the Lord***

**Invitation in Music** … Kimari Spangler

**Prayers of the People** … Rev. Ellen Woodworth

**The Lord’s Prayer**… *Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, the kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.*

**Gloria Patri** … Kimari Spangler

**Blessed Break** *(Let us greet one another in the name of Jesus)*

***We Share God’s Word***

**Scripture Reading** … Luke 3: 15-18; 21-22 … Brooke Stephens

**Reflect in Song** … Joyce Bolden

**Sermon** … Waiting … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

***We Respond***

**Respond in Music** … Frederick Bolden

**Time for Reflection**

**Celebration of Giving**

**Giving Prayer**

O Lord, our voice from the heavens, we come expectantly waiting upon your goodness; expectantly waiting upon your righteousness; expectantly waiting upon your grace, your mercy, and your love. Let your truth descend upon our being and rest in our spirit, so we may remember that as we give of ourselves and our resources, we are giving freely as you have given to us. AMEN

**Affirm Our Faith** (Titus 2: 11-14) ***11****For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.****12****It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,****13****while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,****14****who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

***We Tell the Good News***

**Go in Peace** … Rev. Ellen Woodworth

**Benediction** … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

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**We count it a joy that you shared with us today!**

**May the Lord bless you and keep you,**

**May the face of the Lord shine upon you and be gracious to you,**

**May the Lord turn to you and give you peace…**