

ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMNS FOR GATHERING

#558

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
O God of Every Nation*

WELCOME

Rev. Marsha McFadden Quick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES/RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE *They'll Know We are Christians*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Rolland

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

People: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amen.

OPENING HYMN #280

God Is Here!

*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus, You revealed Him to be Your Son, and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as Your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDRENS' MOMENT

Pastor Marsha

(if children are present, they may come forward at this; if there are no children, we will proceed to the lessons)

ANTHEM *Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Chancel Choir

First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Leader: God is still speaking
People: Spread the Good News!

SERMON *"Jesus' Baptism"*

Pastor Marsha

*HYMN #375

In Water We Grow

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *What a Pleasant Fragrance*
An Ancient French Carole

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim Your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill Your righteousness among us. Help us, Your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #677 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Noel: Grand Jeu et Duo*
French Baroque Organ Piece
By Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Clinton United Church of Christ

*CUCC Mission Statement Adopted May 14, 2024
Joyfully serving God, our church family, and neighbors,
near and far, with dignity, compassion, and respect.*

“Jesus’ Baptism”



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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
REV. MARSHA MCFADDEN QUICK
CAROLYN DICKS, ORGANIST**