

# *Central United Church*

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*Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 2022*  
*Baptism of Jesus*

*We gather....*

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "We Praise You, O God"

\* Passing of the Peace:

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you

Response: **And also with you**

Psalm 29 (Responsive):

*Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,\*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

*The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.*

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

*The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

*The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.*

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

*The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,\*  
and strips the forest bare;*

**and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'**

*The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.*

**May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Prayer of Confession:

**God of forgiveness, grant us your favour as we make our confession. You call us to excellence; we fall short of your confidence in us. You grant to us grace; we abuse your gift. You expect our decision to match your desires, our love to be genuine in obeying your will. Yet we trust our appetites rather than rely on your goodness; we look to our comfort rather than to our neighbour's need. In Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.**

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

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 and ever. Amen.**

*We hear....*

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 43:1-7

Epistle Lesson

Act 8:14-17

Hymn: "When Jesus Comes to be Baptized"

Gospel Lesson:

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Message: "Thus says the Lord"

*We respond.....*

Hymn: "I Heard The Voice of Jesus"

Pastoral Prayers

Commissioning and Blessing

*Next Week's Bible Readings*

*We invite you to read the scriptures in preparation  
for next Sunday, Second after Epiphany:*

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

*Psalm 36:5-10*

*1 Corinthians 12:1-11*

*John 2:1-11*

*Take Note*

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