

# Monticello

United Methodist Church

*Welcome to worship! No matter where you are, where you have been, or where you are on your faith journey, our prayer is that you will find a place to belong in worship and mission with us.*

January 9, 2022

8:30 am

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## Preparation for Worship

The greater the joy, the greater is the pain which precedes it. Before Jesus could reach “the joy set before him,” he had to pass through the pain of many “dark nights” and “shadowed valleys.”                 –St. Augustine

Focus Scripture   Isaiah 43:1-7

Prelude   *Stand Up & Bless the Lord*

## \*Call to Worship

Sing praises to the Lord. Sing of God’s glory and strength.

**God calls us over the waters, and strengthens us for the journey.**

Sing praises to Christ. Sing of Christ’s healing and love.

**The waters of our baptism cleanse us, renewing our spirits and nursing our wounds.**

Sing praises to the Spirit. Sing of the Spirit’s comfort and hope.

**The flames of the Spirit are like a refiner’s fire, purifying the soul to the glory of God.**

\*Hymn   *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*   No. 139

## Common Prayer (Let us pray together...)

**Source of love and mercy, as we enter a new year in the life of this church, may our love for you be made known in our love for one another. Help us leave old grievances and former argument behind, as we open our hearts to the possibilities that lie before us. Guide our footsteps into the glory of your ways, that we may live as you created us to be—beloved children, crowned with glory and honor. May our worship reflect the greatness of our calling, and the honor of our heritage. Amen.**

Scripture   Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Kid’s Time

Message

Special Music

*It Is Well With My Soul*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sharing of our Gifts and Lives

Doxology No. 94

Prayer of Dedication

**Mighty One, speak words of blessing upon our offering this day, that nothing may hinder the good our gifts may do in your name. Give strength to your people, through the gifts we bring before you, that all may know the glory of your Spirit, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

No. 605

Announcements

Benediction

Go to love one another, for you are beloved.

God to honor one another, for you are honored.

Go to share life with one another, for you have been given life.

God with the power of God, whose Spirit is always with us, always guiding us.

**Amen!**

Postlude

*I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

Worship Assistants today:

Song Leader: Kathy Brown

Organist: Gloria Cardoni

Tech Support: Jamie Hannah

Sound Tech: Arthur Sievers



Our Staff:

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Office Hours--Monday-Thursday 9 am - 12 noon  
Live Radio Broadcast 8:30 a.m. WCZQ 105.5 FM  
Worship: 8:30a in person and Facebook Live  
10:45a in person

**Food Pantry Needs:** Taco shells and seasoning, beef stew, popcorn, and disinfectant cleaner. Thank you to everyone who helped fill our shelves during the busy Christmas season.

Bible study will postpone their start. Please watch for more details coming later this month.

The flower sign up for the year is available. You can sign up at the hospitality center or call the office.

The Midwest Mission Distribution team will go on Thursday, January 20. Please contact Jean Holmes for more information.

### **Calendar**

#### **Today**

8:30 am      Worship,online and  
radio

#### **Sunday, January 16**

8:30 am      Worship,online and  
radio

#### **Tuesday, January 11**

7 pm          Prayer via Zoom