

# First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ

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## Welcome!

Services at 8:00 & 9:30 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information \*please stand as you are able

**Pre-service Music** 

"We Have Come Into His House/Holy Ground/Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"

**Ringing of the Bell** 

**Welcome and Greeting** 

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

**Bringing in the Light of Christ** 

Prelude

"Morning Has Broken"

\*Call to Worship

Liturgist

Leader: In the beginning, God...

People: Swept over waters, spoke light into existence, created day

and night and called it good.

Leader: As the days and nights of creation filled with life, God...

People: Made humanity out of the dirt to love and tend creation, to

be loved and tended by God

Leader: As we lost our way, God...

People: Sent Jesus, Love Incarnate, to show us the way back.

Leader: On the day Jesus came to the banks of the Jordan River to be

baptized, God...

People: Declared, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well

pleased."

Leader: Let us, then, follow Jesus into the waters, remembering our

baptism in which God...

All: Claims us as beloved children, the family of God.

\*Opening Hymn "I Sing The Almighty Power of God" vs. 1-3

#152

\*Opening Prayer

Holy God, Eternal Spirit, we thank you for baptizing us into one body in Jesus the Christ. Wash over us with your Spirit, that, like Jesus, we may serve you in serving humanity. Baptize us with the fire of your truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem

### "In This Very Room"

Choir

**Scripture Reading** 

Genesis 1:1-5 | Mark 1:4-11

Message

Pastor Rick Casebolt

**Pastoral Prayer** 

**Time of Offering** 

(8:00)"How Great Thou Art" "Ancient Gates" (9:30)

Marilyn Praise Band

\*Doxology

"Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow"

#95

\*Offering Prayer

Liturgist

God of redemption and new life, we focus once more this day on the greatest gift ever given -- Jesus, our Savior. As he was baptized by John in the Jordan, we were able to share in his baptism and receive the promise of sharing in Jesus' resurrection. As we leave one year behind and look with hope to the new year ahead, help us to live and give of ourselves as those who know every day what a great gift we have been given. May it move us to give our whole selves more freely! In the name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray! Amen.

#### The Sacrament of Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Music during Communion (8:00) 'This Is My Body"

Marilvn

(9:30) "Gratitude / Holy Spirit"

Praise Band

### \*Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

\*Closing Music

(8:00)

"This Is My Father's World" vs. 1, 3

#144

(9:30)

"Mighty To Save"

Praise Band

\*Blessing

**Postlude** 

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

## Thank you for joining our services today!

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

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