

**THE UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST at The Villages**

**Service of The Word**

Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Baptism of Christ

*\*Indicates, "All who are able, please stand"*

**PRELUDE**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

By John Bachman Dykes Arr. Joel Rainey

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Peter Winnen

**\*HYMN**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

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New Century Hymnal #4

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR DONATIONS**

"Ding Dong Merrily, He's Born"

Traditional Carols arr: Page

George Bellefontaine, piano and Carol Wahlenmayer, flute

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Patapan"

Burgundian Carol arr: Larson

George Bellefontaine, piano and Carol Wahlenmayer, flute

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Peter Winnen

Psalms Chapter 39 verses 2-4 (NRSV), Ecclesiastes Chapter 3 verses 1-8 (NRSV)

Ephesians Chapter 5 verses 15-16 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE**

"New Year 2023: How Do you Measure a Year?"

The Rev. Joe DiDonato

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Seasons of Love"

Janice DiDonato, soloist

Jonathan Larson from RENT musical

**BENEDICTION**

**\*DEPARTING SONG**

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

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**\*POSTLUDE**

"Postlude on a Theme"

By Beethoven Arr. Joel Rainey

**Serving You Today**

Pastor: The Rev. Joe DiDonato

Accompanist: George Bellefontaine

Song Leader: Janice DiDonato

Worship Reader: Peter Winnen

AV: Denny Lawson, Ann Turso, Carolyn Hamel

*Flowers for today's worship service were donated by Penny & Dave Zwicker to celebrate the New Year!*