



You are my Son, the Beloved;  
with you I am well pleased

## THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

LIBERTY POLE — Sun. Worship 9:00 AM — S6759 Hwy. 27 — (608) 675-3630

VIROQUA — Sun. Worship 10:30 AM — 221 S. Center Ave. — (608) 637-3551

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January 10, 2010

Baptism of the Lord

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\*Please stand if you are able

PRELUDE *a time to prepare for worship through prayer and meditation*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP - VIR.

WELCOMING WORDS

(please sign the attendance sheets)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) *Psalm 29:1-4*

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 splendor.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison) "For Courage to Do Justice" Hymnal No. 456

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Hymnal No. 57

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH the Nicene Creed Hymnal No. 880

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Hymnal No. 895

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE - VIR.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Isaiah 43:1-7* (insert)

SPECIAL MUSIC - L.P.

CHOIR ANTHEM - VIR. "Sing Joy" Hayes

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 3:15-22* (insert)

\*HYMN "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" Hymnal No. 333

SERMON "Jesus' Baptism" Pastor Ethan

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY  
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN "Amazing Grace" Hymnal No. 378

\*BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN - VIR. (unison) Hymnal No. 898

\*POSTLUDE

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	<u>LIBERTY POLE</u>	<u>VIROQUA</u>
USHERS .....	Fred & Joyce Funk .....	Trygve & Erma Overbo
GREETER .....		Shirley Gilman
ACOLYTE .....		Tyler Pierce
NURSERY ATTENDANT.....		Janette Hanson
LITURGISTS .....	Brian Funk .....	Greg Cheever
Last Sunday's attendance:	36	70
Last Sunday's offering:	\$1093.50	\$6127.87

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Pastor Ethan Larson  
 Organists: Joyce Funk (Liberty Pole), Kathy Hanson & Barb Casper (Viroqua)  
 Choir Director (Viroqua): Lynn Whitney  
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**THE WVRQ RADIO BROADCAST** today is sponsored by Sid Johnson in memory of his wife, Fran. Their wedding anniversary was January 12.

**THE LIBERTY POLE BULLETINS** today are sponsored by Carter and Ramona Thompson.

**THE VIROQUA BULLETINS** today are sponsored by Ellsworth and Ardith Olson in honor of the choir for all the great music they present every Sunday.

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### CALENDAR

Tues.	1 PM	Viroqua Care & Nurture Committee meeting
Tues.	6:30 PM	Viroqua Trustees meeting
Wed.	1:15 PM	prayer meeting at Viroqua
Wed.	4 PM	confirmation class at Viroqua
Wed.	6 PM	choir practice at Viroqua
Thurs.	1 PM	Viroqua Finance Committee meeting
Thurs.	6 PM	joint Worship Committee meeting at Viroqua
next Sun.		Human Relations Sunday — special offering
next Sun.	5 PM	Liberty Pole serves evening meal at Fortney Hotel

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**Liberty Pole:** Following a children's sermon on the Good Samaritan, the little people of Liberty Pole had a friendly competition with the big people to see which group had the most spare change to give to the Good Samaritan mission. The little people collected \$72 and the big people \$60.11. Way to go, little people!

**Viroqua:** Please pick up your 4th quarter 2009 offering statements from the box in the narthex.

Isaiah 43:1-7

- 1 But now, this is what the LORD says—  
    he who created you, O Jacob,  
    he who formed you, O Israel:  
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
    I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
- 2 When you pass through the waters,  
    I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
    they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
    you will not be burned;  
    the flames will not set you ablaze.
- 3 For I am the LORD, your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I give Egypt for your ransom,  
    Cush and Seba in your stead.
- 4 Since you are precious and honored in my sight,  
    and because I love you,  
I will give men in exchange for you,  
    and people in exchange for your life.
- 5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you;  
    I will bring your children from the east  
    and gather you from the west.
- 6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'  
    and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'  
Bring my sons from afar  
    and my daughters from the ends of the earth—
- 7 everyone who is called by my name,  
    whom I created for my glory,  
    whom I formed and made."

## Luke 3:15-22

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.

<sup>19</sup> But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, <sup>20</sup> Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."