

# MANHATTAN MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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***SEEKING THE PEACE OF THE CITY!***

Second Week of Epiphany – Baptism of our LORD

**WELCOME**     *introductions & announcements*

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<sup>1</sup> Butterfly wing by Jayne Holsinger

## CALL to WORSHIP<sup>2</sup>

In the beginning Spirit swept over the waters.  
God breathed all creation into being,  
and announced:

Let there be light for all to see,  
Let there be water for all to splash in,  
Let there be life in the midst of death.

Yes, let there be life beyond death.

And God invited and invites us to respond, rejoicing!

**It was good,**

**It was awesome and awe-filled,**

**It is good.**

## SONG

## SHARING PEACE

## OFFERING & SONG

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-22

## MESSAGE

*Tearing open the heavens*

(silent reflection... *one minute*)

## JOYS & CONCERNS

## COMMON PRAYER

Holy One: Your kin-dom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Nourish us with bread that sustains body and soul. Transform us into a forgiven and forgiving people, a loving and beloved community; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, both personal and systemic. For yours is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from A 21st Century Worship Resource by Rev. N. Decker

## SENDING SONG

### BLESSING

The Holy One sits enthroned high in the heavens;

**the Divinity dwells within our hearts.**

May the God who is Love give us strength.

**May the Spirit of Jesus bless us with peace!**

May abundant blessing and faithful witness be ours to share.

**Amen.**

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### Our Rhythm<sup>3</sup>

Here are a few notes from our current rhythm:

- Sunday, Jan. 20 at 3 PM – Elders/Trustees Meeting
  - Sunday, January 20 at 5 PM - **Beyond Rhetoric: Understanding Honduras' Humanitarian Crisis**
  - Wednesday, January 23, 6-8 PM, **Bible Study & Worship Arts (with Deacons)**
  - Sunday, January 27 at 6:15 PM - **Congregational Meeting!**
  - Sunday, February 10 at 5 PM - Scott Sprunger will bring the message.
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### Connect with us!

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<sup>3</sup> [manhattanmennonite.org/rhythm](http://manhattanmennonite.org/rhythm)

**Luke 3:15-22 (NRSV)**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”