

January 10 Bulletin – Baptism of the Lord

Prelude "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
arranged by Lani Smith

Welcoming and Call to Worship

Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" UMH #185

1. When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
2. The night becomes as day when from the heart we say:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th' eternal song through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Song "Jesus, Name above All Names" FWS #2071

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Scripture Readings Acts 19:1-7

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul took a route through the interior and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you came to believe?"

They replied, "We've not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

³Then he said, "What baptism did you receive, then?"

They answered, "John's baptism."

⁴Paul explained, "John baptized with a baptism by which people showed they were changing their hearts and lives. It was a baptism that told people about the one who was coming after him. This is the one in whom they were to believe. This one is Jesus." ⁵After they listened to Paul, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in other languages and prophesying. ⁷Altogether, there were about twelve people.

Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. ⁵Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. ⁶John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. ¹⁰While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. ¹¹And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

Message

"Is There Any Hope?"

Invitation to Give and Offertory

"You Are a Child of the King"
by Mary Kay Beall & John Carter

Pearl Swanson, Cathy Grattan
Tom Norager, Steve Grattan

Prayer of Dedication

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 a painful 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.

Special Music

"Come, Be Baptized"

Pearl Swanson, Cathy Grattan
Tom Norager, Steve Grattan

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

This order of Reaffirmation makes use of water. It will be helpful to have a bowl of water within reach for later in this service.

L: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

P: **I do.**

L: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

P: I do.

L: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

P: I do.

L: According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

P: I will.

L: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. . . Do you believe in God the Father?

P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**P: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**P: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

(sung to the tune of "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know")

**P: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy ev'ry day.**

L: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**P: (sung) Declare his works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

**P: (Sung) All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever and ever,
lives and reigns forever.**

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As Pastor Drew makes the following charge, all who have been baptized in a Christian church are invited to touch the water in your bowl and, if desired, touch your foreheads with the moistened finger, possibly making the sign of a cross.

L: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

P: Amen.

L: Sister and brothers, may the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

P: We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

L: May the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Benediction

Postlude

"Passed Thru The Waters"
by Avery and Marsh