

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord



CENTERING PRAYER

O Holy One, we hear again the story written so long ago about the day Jesus was baptized. Help us receive this story anew. May its deep truths penetrate our hearts. May we rejoice in your Love, continually poured out for us all.

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
J.S. BACH / RAYMOND HILL

HYMN

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine
WORDS BY CHARLES WESLEY, TRADITIONAL ENGLISH MELODY

*Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,
in a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;
Give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power, his name to glorify;
and promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.*

*The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;
we will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.
We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow;
and if thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.*

*Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,
present with thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;
to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,
and register our names on high and keep us to that day!*

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Isaiah 43)

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

**When we pass through the waters, the Lord will be with us;
when through the rivers, they will not sweep us away.**

Bring my sons from far away, and my daughters from the end of the earth,
**everyone who is called by my name,
whom I have formed and made.**

Do not fear, says the Lord.
I am with you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us precious in your sight,
yet we often forget we are your beloved.

We confess our love is fickle and inconsistent.

We follow selfish goals and deny our sinfulness.

Create in us a clean heart.

Reconcile us to you and to one another.

Forgive us our sins, and hear our silent confession:

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON

Beloved, God forgives our sins.

We are pardoned and may be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

MOMENT OF TEACHING

ANTHEM

My Jesus, I Love Thee

ADONIRAM GORDON / DAN FORREST

-REV. STEVE YOUNG, PIANO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission,
the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters.

**May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed
and follow Jesus in the paths of justice, right relationship, and peace.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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.”

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.”

SERMON

What Makes You Proud?

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

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.

**Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

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.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns forever.**

TOUCH THE WATER

The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.
**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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

O God, Deliver your church from destructive pride.
May the gift of baptism fill our lives with truth and joy
as we serve one another and the world in your name.
We pray for Trinity United Methodist Church and for the church universal.

(Silent prayer)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

O God, save our communities from want and pain.

May your righteousness raise us all to walk together with respect and dignity.

We pray our communities and the people in the places we live, work, study, and play.

(Silent prayer)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

O God, break down the walls of division in our country and in our world.

Give us the vision of one human family, formed and made by your great hands.

We pray for our country and for the peoples of the world.

(Silent prayer)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

In this silence, hear our joys and needs.

In this silence, let us hear your words.

(Silent prayer)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

O God, you have formed us and called us by name. Receive our prayers this day in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer, who teaches us to pray together...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THIS ALSO IS OUR OFFERING

THE MONEY YOU CONTRIBUTE TODAY FUNDS OUR MUSIC, STAFF, UTILITIES,

AND THE MINISTRIES OF TRINITY WHICH CHRIST IS CALLING US TO OFFER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

OFFERTORY

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

GAYDEN SIKES

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

WORDS ATTRIBUTED TO ROBERT KEEN,

TUNE: EARLY AMERICAN MELODY

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*“When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.*

*“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace all sufficient shall be your supply;
the flames will not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.*

*“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”*

BENEDICTION

We are each precious in God’s sight.

We go from this place, claiming our identity as children of God.

God has called us by name.

We go into the world to answer God’s call. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

GIOVANNI GIACOMO GASTOLDI / PAUL MANZ