

# **Baptism of the Lord Worship Service with Reaffirmation of Baptism Sunday, January 9, and Monday, January 10, 2022**

**Greeting:** God is good **all the time**. All the time **God is good**.

**Question of the Day** What happens when we reaffirm our baptism?

## **Call to Worship**

The voice of God resounds upon the water.

**The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

**And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

**Let us worship God in holy splendor.**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

**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 paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.**

**Hymn #2051 FWS "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"**

## **Luke 3:1-17, 21-22 New Revised Standard Version**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

*"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

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.”

### **Isaiah 43:1-7 New Revised Standard Version**

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth –

everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.”

**Response:** *The Word of God, for the people of God! Thanks be to God!*

**Hymn #2218 FWS** “You Are Mine”

### **Time of Prayer**

**How Is It With Your Soul?**

**Call to Confession**

God knows us and calls us each by name. Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved, let us boldly confess our sins before God.

**Unison Prayer**

**We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconsistent. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace.** *Time of Silent Prayer*

**Assurance**

Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Answer to the Question of the Day** What happens when we reaffirm our baptism?

**Time of Offering** *Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity.*

**Offering Prayer**

**Holy God, we give you thanks. May our offerings honor you. May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. May our prayers unite us with one another and with Christ, in whose name we celebrate the privilege of giving. Amen.**

## Song of Offering "Give Thanks"

Message "Sons and Daughters, or Brood of Vipers?" Rev. Joyce Rich

### Reaffirmation of Baptism

#### Introduction

#### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

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? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

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 opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

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? **I will.**

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?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, [who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontious 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.]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . . 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 . . . and to make disciples of all nations.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit . . . 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 for ever. Amen.**

**Reaffirmation of Faith** *Water is sprinkled on the congregation.*

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **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.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit that we may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

#### A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

**I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low by thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

**Hymn** “Wade in the Water”

### **Commission and Blessing**

We have been with Jesus to the River of Jordan, river of life, river of promise.

Go forth in the joy of life, to live as children of promise.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who stood with sinners on the river bank, uphold you. **Amen.**

May the love of God, who calls us beloved children, bless you. **Amen.**

May the power of the Holy Spirit, who descended upon Jesus as a dove, give you peace. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

**Read For Next Week:** John 2:1-11; Isaiah 62:1-5

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