

# Order of Worship for the Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022, 9:00 am

You are invited to speak the words in **bold**. + Please stand as you are able.

## Musicians

Chris Garofalo, Organ & Piano • Mary Elliott, Cantor

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### Prelude

*Holberg Suite: Praeludium*

by Edvard Grieg

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### Welcome

with Pastor Hannah

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### + Call to Worship

with Pastor Jeremiah

From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

***From the waters of a womb,  
God's blessed Son was given to us.***

From the waters of a river, people were baptized  
and marked as God's children.

***Praise be to God, whose loving gifts  
and presence have called us together.***

Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love.

***Amen.***

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### + Opening Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

United Methodist Hymnal #400

verses 1, 2 & 3

#### Verse 1

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy redeeming love.

#### Verse 2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

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## Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

## Opening Prayer

with Pastor Jeremiah

*O God of all creation, you came into the world that we might know love and new life. Pour your Spirit on your church, that it may fulfill Christ's command to live the gospel everywhere; that the proclamation of the good news might be heard throughout the earth. Reassure us, that we are your beloved people. Defend us against all evil and temptation. Give us grace to bear faithful witness to you. Endue us with love, keep us constant in prayer, empower us for the service of love. Amen.*

## Song

*Where Children Belong*

The Faith We Sing #2233

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This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word,  
bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
this is where children belong.

## Time for Young Disciples

with Beth Hagemeyer

## Scripture

with Peter Overstreet

*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but

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the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> 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.”

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## Sermon

*Belonging to the Beloved Community  
through Baptism*

with Pastor Hannah

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## Hymn of Response

*Baptized in Water*

The Faith We Sing #2248

verses 1 & 2

### Verse 1

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

### Verse 2

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,

dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

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## Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

with Pastor Hannah & Pastor Jeremiah

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of your sin?

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

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?

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?

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## Blessing of the Water

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## Lord's Prayer

with Pastor Hannah

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

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## Mission Minute

with Dean Craig

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## Offering Invitation

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## Offertory

*Holberg Suite: Gavotte*

by Edvard Grieg

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## + Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*United Methodist Hymnal #94*

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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!

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## Announcements

with Pastor Jeremiah

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## + Hymn of Sending Forth

*Be Thou My Vision*

United Methodist Hymnal #451

verses 1 & 2

### Verse 1

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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## Verse 2

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

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## + Benediction

with Pastor Hannah

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## Postlude

*Pour le piano: Prélude*

by Claude Debussy

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