



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

BAPTISM OF THE LORD—1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 10, 2021—9:30 PM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN

Down by the Jordan

W&S 3045

1. Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
preaching a message the people found bold and surprising.
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!
Surely God's new day is rising!"

3. Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,
taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.

2. There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"
"No!" John replies. "He who is mightier than I
judges and offers salvation."

4. Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.
Freed and forgiven we're welcome with joy! Can you hear it?
This is God's sign! This is how God's says, "You're mine!"
Let's take the good news and share it!

"Down by the Jordan" - words by Carolyn W. Gillette; music *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, harm. William S. Bennett. Words © 2000 Carolyn W. Gillette CCLI #1550924

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Trey Burns

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.**

OFFERING MOMENT & †DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*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!*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" – words by Thomas Ken, adapt. By Gilbert H. Viera;
music from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, hamr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House CCLI #1550924

†HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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1. When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

2. He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

"When Jesus Came to Jordan" - words by Fred Pratt Green; music att. To William Walker, harm by Carlton R. Young
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†SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:4-15

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Spirit Descending, Spirit Driving

Rev. Trey Burns

The artwork on the sermon title slide is titled The Baptism of Jesus as He comes out of the water, created by Dan Bonell.

THE SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT IV—Congregational Reaffirmation

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

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 has 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 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.

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.

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 for ever. Amen.

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

At this time, all in-person worshipers who wish to reaffirm their baptism are invited to come forward and receive a cup of water. We encourage virtual worshipers who wish to reaffirm their baptism to use water wherever they may be. Once you have your water, you may use it in whatever way you feel will help you remember that you are baptized in Christ—place your hands into the water, get a few drops to make a cross on your forehead, swirl the water around and listen to its quiet music.

As you receive your cup from the pastor, the following exchange will take place:

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

Once everyone who wishes to reaffirm their baptism, the pastor will say:

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.

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.

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INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

Spirit Song

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*O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.*

*O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.*

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs

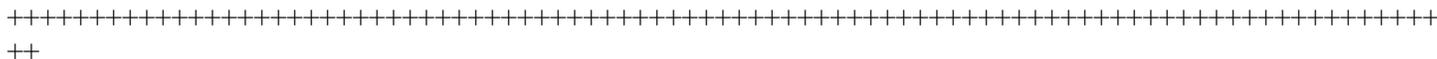
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POSTLUDE



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning next Sunday, we'll be in a sermon series titled **20:21**. As we enter this new year, we'll be looking for wisdom in some of the longer books of the Bible, specifically around the 21st verse of their 20th chapters. We hope you'll start the year off right by joining us for this series, either in person or virtually.

The Finance Committee will have its first meeting of 2021 on January 11 at 6:00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend—we'll gather in-person in Conner Hall, or you can join virtually by Zoom; access information will be in the weekly update email. The membership of this committee for 2021 consists of:

Pastor: Trey Burns	Church Council Chair: Richard Lavender	SPRC Chair: David Dupree
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	Finance Secretary (non-voting): Jessica Sorrells	

At-Large members:
Class of 2021
 Nancy Campbell
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Class of 2022
 Janet Neill

Class of 2023
 Rick Green

The Board of Trustees will have its first meeting of 2021 on January 11 at 7:00pm. Anyone is welcome to attend—we'll gather in-person in Conner Hall, or you can join virtually by Zoom; access information will be in the weekly update email. The membership of this committee for 2021 consists of:

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