

Worship Celebration: January 20, 2019

10:00 a.m. (TRADITIONAL)

EPWORTH: *a United Methodist Church*2nd Sunday after the Epiphany (Year C)

Today, we remember our baptism and claim the identity of sharing in the family of God. Baptism is God's gift of acceptance and belonging. We sometimes overlook the power of belonging and the grace that is offered through this gift. Remembering our baptism does not mean that we remember the day of our baptism or the pastor or the place, but rather that we remember the fact that we are baptized. What does it mean to be the baptized of God? What gift and responsibility does it carry? Today we look at those questions and more, as we study God's word and message for this Baptism of the Lord Sunday. Thank you for joining us in worship today!

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a United Methodist Church

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✠ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ✠

Gathering Music

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

PRAISE TEAM

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.

*What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is,
the name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, so, Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater. What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is,
the name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus.

What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus. (Instrumental)

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory,
for You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal.
Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the name above all names.

*What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is,
the name of Jesus Christ, my King.*

What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against.

What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus.

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Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Gwen

*Passing the Peace

*Call to Worship

L: Come to the river of life.

P: Listen for the words of love.

L: Come to the waters of grace.

P: Receive the gift of acceptance.

L: Come to the river of love,

P: for all are welcome here.

*Hymn of Faith

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

*Children's Celebration

Terre Walton

☞ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ☛

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Youth

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."

Gospel Play

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Youth

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."

Brothers and Sisters,

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

SThanks be to God

THE RIVER

PRAISE TEAM

I know a place, where we can go, to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,

I know a place, where mercy flows, take the stains, make you whiter than snow.

Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.

Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

We're goin' down to the river, down to the river, down to the river to pray, ay, ay.

Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace.

Let's go down, down, down, to the river. You will leave changed.

Let's go down, down, down, to the river. Never the same.

I've seen it move, in my own life, took me from dusty roads into paradise.

All of my dirt, all of my shame, drowned in the streams that've made me born again.

Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.

Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh. {Chorus}

TAG 1: *Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...) Let's go down. {Chorus}

TAG 2: *Oh, down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace.

Down, down, down to the river.

Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace. ²

Sermon

Named and Claimed to Serve

Rev. Vicky Starnes

☞ REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES☞

Vicky: Do you promise, by the grace of God,
to be a disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
to resist oppression,
to show love and justice,
and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ,
as best you are able?

(Let people answer silently to themselves; pause)

Vicky: And do you promise, according to the grace given to you,
to grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of the church,
celebrating Christ's presence and furthering God's mission in all the world?

☞ REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM☞

Vicky: As we bring the waters of baptism and remembrance to you, remember YOU are a Child of God! "Remember your baptism and be thankful!"

☞ PRAYER OF RECOMMITMENT☞

All: By your Spirit, Almighty God, Grant us
Love for others,
Joy in serving you,
Peace in disagreement,
Patience in suffering,
Kindness toward all people,
Goodness in evil times,
Faithfulness in temptation,
Gentleness in the face of opposition,
Self-control in all things.
Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.

Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

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I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

Sharing Joys & Concerns and Morning Prayer

Susan

The Lord's Prayer

(*Sung Responsively*)

FWS 2278

Invitation to Offering

Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row.

Vicky

*Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038
and by using our Giving Kiosk in the main lobby. There are Giving Cards in the pews to place in the plate, if you wish
Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

Offertory:

Go Ye Into All the World ... Eugene Butler

Chancel Choir

✠ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ✠

***Benediction**

Rev. Vicky

***Sending Forth**

WHAT A FRIEND

Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations. (Ooh, ooh.)
Ev'rybody knows heart break, isolation. (Ooh, ooh.)
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down.

*What a friend we have in Jesus, east to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on ev'ry horizon, and forever and ever his heart is my home.*

Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry. (Ooh, ooh.)
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation. (Ooh, ooh.)
But we can lay our burdens down, lay our burdens down. {Chorus}

No more betrayal, for he is faithful, He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for he is faithful, how He has proven it over and over.

No more betrayal, for he is faithful, He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for he is faithful, for He has proven it over and over, over and over.
{Chorus Twice}

TAG: Forever and ever his heart is my home. ³

* = *Please stand as you are able;* S = *congregational response*

Bulletins for the month of January are sponsored by Epworth.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rose Barcellona by Robbin Murray & De Raynes.

Stephen Ministers, wearing blue name badges, will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth family wants to talk about any life challenges.

The special Peace Candle on the Chancel shines to remind us of God's desire for peace throughout our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.

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Assisting with today's service as

Greeters: Jerry & Carolyn Strum
Acolyte: Chase Reynolds
Sound: Ken Mahan, Sharon Wert, Josh McGee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman
Ushers: Head Usher: Russ Mullen
Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:
Pat Thornton, Tom Lechner, Nancy Almayac

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