

The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 10, 2021



Baptism of Christ, painting 2005
Dave Zelenka, American

Faith Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

Gathering of God's People

Prelude *Whence Is That Godly Fragrance Flowing*

John Gay
(1685-1765)

Call to Worship

- One: All who thirst, come to the water!
All: Let us drink deeply from living streams.
One: All who are weary, come and find relief.
All: May God's grace renew and restore us.
One: Let us worship the fount of every blessing!
All: Let us worship the God of life!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, your son was baptized in the Jordan, coming alongside us to offer grace and redemption. Still, we who have been washed in baptismal waters, continue to fall short of the goodness you intend for us. We turn away from those in need, we fail to extend grace to others, we doubt your power to transform us and the world. Look on us with mercy, holy One, and in your great love, forgive! We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 577 *Lord, Have Mercy*

KYRIE ELEISON

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Note: Lower voices may hum.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assurance of Grace

Gloria 583 *Glory to God*

GLORY

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Proclamation of the Word

A Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Music *A la Ru*

arr. Garrett Parker

Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And 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. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

Sermon

Water and Spirit

Rev. Goodrich

Responding to the Word

Hymn 484 *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Sending God's People into the World

Hymn 476 *Crashing Waters at Creation*

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CRASHING WATERS

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Carillon*

*Herbert Murrill
(1909-1952)*

Passing of the Peace

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Marilyn Valentine, *Liturgist*
Kristin Herber, *Zoom Moderator*
Dawn Shirey, *PowerPoint*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.
 MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

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484 Out of Deep, Unordered Water

1 Out of deep, un - or - dered wa - ter God cre -
2 Wa - ter on the hu - man fore - head, birth - mark
3 Stand - ing round the font re - minds us of the

at - ed light and land, world of bird and beast and,
of the love of God, is the sign of death and
He - brews' climb a - shore. Life is hal - lowed by the

lat - er, in God's im - age, wom - an, man.
ris - ing; through the seas there runs a road.
knowl - edge God has been this way be - fore.

There is wa - ter in the riv - er bring - ing life to tree and plant.

Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: there is wa - ter in the font.

BAPTISM

476 Crashing Waters at Creation

Capo 1: (Em) (F#dim7) (Em)

Fm Gdim7 Fm

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered
 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the
 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a -
 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the

(D#dim7) (Em)

Edim7 Fm

by the Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness
 cap - tives passed on through, wash - ing off the
 round the One fore - told, o - pened to re -
 thirst and flood the soul. Well - spring, Source of

(F#dim7) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)

Gdim7 Fm Bbm C Fm

day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 chains of bond - age: chan - nel to a life made new.
 veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness; make us whole.

Like the Thanksgiving Over the Water in the rite of Baptism, this text by a United Church of Canada minister recalls significant events in salvation history involving water. The final stanza is a prayer to Christ, the Living Water (John 4:10, 14), to quench our spiritual thirst.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1987
 MUSIC: William A. Cross, 1992
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