

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

10 a.m.

January 8, 2023

** indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT

"He Is Exalted"

TFWS #2070

WELCOME ALL CHILDREN OF GOD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN

"Grace Alone"

TFWS #2162

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

One: The voice of God calls over the waters:

All: "Beloved, receive the Holy Spirit."

One: The Son of God beckons:

All: "Beloved, be born of water and the Spirit."

One: The Spirit of God proclaims:

All: "Beloved, be born anew this day."

One: The voice of God calls through our baptism. Come! Let us worship
And together let us pray.

All: Spirit of righteousness, God of power and might, help us be a light to the nations and a reflection of your glorious salvation. Work in our lives and in our ministries, that the world might know the power of your love and grace. As you alighted upon Jesus at his baptism, descend upon us this day, that we may be a people of hope and possibility. Wash us clean and renew our spirits, through Jesus Christ, our lord. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

"Children's Message"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE HEBREW READING

Isaiah 42:5-9

PSALM READING

Psalms 29

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"He Touched Me"

Rev. Jane Kim

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another. *(From UMH page 7)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gentle Spirit, reclaim us through the waters of our baptism. As we long to be more than we have become, remake us through the power of your love. In our yearning to taste the fullness of life, restore us through the wonder of your grace. In our desire to live as your beloved children, make us instruments of your kingdom building, that we may be a light to the nations, and a source of hope to those who sit in darkness. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Listen to the voice that calls forth creation, claims Jesus at his baptism and speaks to us still: "You are my beloved; receive the Holy Spirit." Rest in this assurance and live in the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)

Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God. Let us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings.

WEEKLY OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Come Flood This Heart of Mine"

By David Lantz

CUMC Adult Choir

arr. By Craig Courtney

Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine.
Come, Spirit, make Your home, my heart is Yours alone.
Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine.
My every sin forgive as one with You I live.

Come fill my heart, I am longing for Your power.
Your presence and peace will be mine this very hour.
Come fill my heart with Your Spirit in this place.
Let my heart overflow with the fullness of Your grace.

Make of this heart of mine a vessel wholly Thine.
Drive dark and doubt away, O fill me, Lord, I pray.
Come flood this heart of mine with Your true light divine.
Come flood this heart of mine!

*DOXOLOGY *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Be in the gifts we bring before you, O God, as you are ever in the gift of our baptism. Renew your people through this offering, as you have renewed us with your presence this day. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. Jesus the Prince of Peace and the ruler of earth's governments, we pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *"Lord of the Dance" Verses 1, 2, 4, 5* UMH #261

*BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Rejoice in the glory of your baptism each and every day.

All: We will live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

One: Let your spirits soar like eagles but be as gentle as doves.

All: We will drink deep from the waters of grace.

One: Go forth to announce the glory of our God.

All: We go, renewed and made whole, as a blessing to all. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us share God's love and peace with one another.

POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED

NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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