

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

January 8, 2023

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

For the safety of every worshipper, please observe the following guidelines regardless of your vaccine status.

- **Wear a mask covering your mouth and nose all the time during worship.**
 - **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**
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Prelude

Christ, Our Lord, came to the river Jordan, BWV 684

J.S. Bach 1685-1750

William Ness, organ

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

Paul Manz 1919-2009

Istan Slamet, clarinet, William Ness, organ

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Gary Robinson, Liturgist

One: Ascribe to God glory and strength;

Many: Ascribe to God the glory of God's name.

One: The voice of God is powerful.

Many: The voice of God is full of majesty.

One: May God give strength to the people!

Many: May God bless the people with peace!

All: Let us praise the name of God!

*Hymn

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

UMH 252

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.

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 begin.

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.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Ayeyi Wura (You Own Our Praise)

A-ye-yi Wurae' ----A-ye-yi Wurae'
Ye yi W'aye Na ye Ma Wo so!

*You own our praise! You own our praise!
We praise you, Lord, and we lift you high!*

I will lift up your name higher

I will lift up your name higher...

Great Jehovah you are wonderful
I will lift up your name higher...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Living God, when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water you revealed him as your own beloved Child. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus as the Christ and Savior now and for ever. Amen.

Children's Conversation

The Offering

Offertory

Afe Ako Aprɔw - The Year Has Run Its Course

Ghanaian Choir
H. B. Sam

The Year has run its course and we are still alive
God has granted us life and has made it a good year.
Happy New Year, Happy New Year
May we live to see the course of another year
Happy New Year, and may we live to see the course of another year.

*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!

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

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| Hebrew Scripture Reading | | Isaiah 42:1-9 |
| *Gospel Reading | | Matthew 3:13-17 |
| Anthem | Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized | Wesley Chancel Choir Kenneth Lowenberg b. 1939 |
| Message | | Rev. Byungmoo Lee |
| Holy Communion | “The Great Thanksgiving” | UMH 13-14 |
| *Hymn | “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” | TFWS 2051 |

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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| *Shalom | | Mensah Essilfie |
| | God's peace be unto you, We wish you Shalom! The peace of God which transcends all understanding be with you forevermore. | |

*Benediction

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| *Benediction Response | “Sent Forth by God's Blessing” (v. 1) | UMH 664 |
| | Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. | |

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

Postlude

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

Allan Mahnke b. 1944

Istan Slamet, clarinet, William Ness, organ

Call to Worship – Psalm 29 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.

Common Prayer – *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 301.

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