

Windsor Hills United Methodist Church
On-line worship
January 10, 2021
First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of the Lord



PRELUDE

“Baptized and Set Free”
Karen Jones Harwood, piano

Sherri Hansen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Paysour and Heather Case

*Today is the first in our worship series, asking the question “What’s New?”
Our faith, though ancient, focuses on a God who is continually making all things new.*

*Welcome to our guests, who may connect with us by texting **hello** to 540/ 779-1180.*

We are so glad that you have joined us!

***To all others:** make sure you let us know you are here in this way:*

*text us **Jan10 (no space & abbreviated)** at 540/ 779-1180.*

You will receive a Connect Card to fill out for all who are with you.

Please do this whether you join us live or later.

*If you do not text, you may let us know through the Comments on Facebook or YouTube that
you are here.*

We are glad you chose to worship with us!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Responsively

God’s strong voice calls us to worship,
calling us to sing and offer praise.

God’s creative voice calls us to worship,
calling us to life and light.

God’s loving voice calls us to worship,
calling us to love and be loved.

(The Abingdon Worship Annual, Jan 10, 2021, Mary J. Schifres)

PRAYER FOR A NEW HEART

In Unison

**Thou who art over us, Thou who art one of us, Thou who art:
give me a pure heart, that I may see thee;
a humble heart, that I may hear thee;
a heart of love, that I may serve thee;
a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.**

(Dag Hammerskjöld, UM Hymnal)

HYMN

“Baptized in Water”

The Faith We Sing 2248

(Same tune as “Morning Has Broken. You are invited to sing along at home, too)

¹ Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise -
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

² Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

³ Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of one Father, we are his children -
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Heather Case

MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Don Thrasher

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1: 4-11

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.”

SERMON

“Renewed”

Doug Paysour

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

United Methodist Hymnal 50

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Since the earliest times, the vows of the Baptismal Covenant have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

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.

A deacon or pastor leads the confession of faith:

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,
maker 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, dead and buried.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty, from thence he will judge the quick 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. Amen.**

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

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

The pastor addresses those reaffirming the Baptismal Covenant:

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.

OFFERTORY

"Like a Dove"
Greg Lyons, solo

John Purifoy

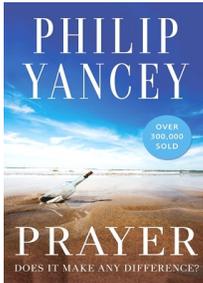
BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH "Baptized in Water" The Faith We Sing 2248, v. 3
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New Prayer Book Study will begin **THIS WEDNESDAY**, January 13, at 7 pm on Zoom.

We will be using Philip Yancey's book *Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?* Copies are available in the church office, \$12. If you would like to join this study, please let Heather know so you will get the Zoom link (heathercase@whumc.roacoxmail.com).

Our Healthy Church Team will be meeting sometime in the next couple of weeks to discern our best path forward relating to in-person worship.



LOA Soup & Crackers Drive Thru

Tuesday, January 19 1 pm—3 pm

Low sodium, nutritious Soups Crackers
Canned Vegetables & Fruits Canned Meats
Peanut butter Carnation Instant Breakfast Oatmeal

Please bring all donated food items to the Drive Thru at church on January 19 and Missions will deliver them to LOA. No glass containers, please. Thank you!

Dial a Sermon:



If you know of someone who does not have internet access, but really misses our church, tell them to call **540/302-6964** to hear a recent sermon and announcements **of the church!**

Donate Utensil Packets for Rescue Mission

Unused, wrapped only
A collection bin is at the Education Wing entrance.