



**GOD ANOINTED
JESUS OF NAZARETH
WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT
AND POWER, AND ...
HE WENT AROUND
DOING GOOD
AND HEALING ...
BECAUSE GOD
WAS WITH HIM.**

ACTS 10:38, NIV

BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

January 8, 2023

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue wayward people; by the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 29:3,9*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,
ALL: *and in the temple God's people say: Glory!*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Psalm XVIII
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Marcello/Dubois

CHORAL INTROIT

God Welcomes All
Chancel Choir

Bell

*LITANY FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Marlie Richardson

One: In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.
ALL: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*
One: God says to us: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
ALL: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*
One: Do not fear, says the Lord: I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.
ALL: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*
One: When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.
ALL: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*
One: As Jesus was coming out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.
ALL: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*
One: And a voice said: You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.
ALL: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters!*
One: Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son.
ALL: *Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE: 475 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Based on Isaiah 42:1-9)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Those who know God and love God are called to righteousness. We are called, through God, to open the eyes of the blind and establish justice on earth. Yet, we turn time and time again away from this calling. Let us confess our sins to God, our loving and merciful redeemer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It's easier to ignore the pain of others. It's easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us.
God still calls us by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.

ALL: We are known and loved and forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

THE WORD

ACT OF PRAISE

The Work of Christmas
Chancel Choir

Forrest

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Courtney Bowen

MINUTE FOR MISSION: 2023 STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS RESULTS

Elder Robert Reeves

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marlie Richardson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:1-9 (pg. 670-671)

Marlie Richardson

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. *ALL: Thanks be to God.*

**Congregation standing, if able*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 10:34-43 (pg. 129-130)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lord of All

Rev. Courtney Bowen

RESPONSE

***HYMN: 492** *You Belong to Christ*

YOU BELONG TO CHRIST

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
AND COMMISSIONING OF OFFICERS**

(see insert)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Book of Common Worship*

Marlie Richardson

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

Marlie Richardson

OFFERTORY

Praise and Thanksgiving

arr. by Wagner

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Marlie Richardson

SENDING

***ACT OF REAFFIRMING THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***HYMN: 482** *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Be with You

Sleeth

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Yorkminster Processional

Young

Dr. Terry McRoberts