



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**January 10, 2021**

**Baptism of the Lord**

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

**The Prelude** *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood* 19<sup>th</sup> century, USA campmeeting melody

**The Welcome**

**The Prayer of Confession**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Lord, you have blessed us with life.  
We praise you for this blessing.  
What we have done with our lives  
has both delighted and perplexed you.  
We are far too often inclined to be stubborn and arrogant,  
believing that we are all powerful, that we have no need for you.  
But there is an emptiness in us  
- a place where we are raw and hurting, bleeding, and bruised.  
We have tried our own healing methods,  
and they have not worked.  
We feel as though we are an oar-less, sail-less boat drifting in water,  
unable to gain direction, unable to see the shore.  
We long for home and hope.  
From across these waters, you have called us.  
Now we come to you in contrition,  
seeking your healing and forgiving love.  
God of mercy and love,  
you have called us over the waters,  
and through the waters of baptism you have blessed us.  
You have cleansed, healed, and adopted us as your beloved children.  
Help us to live as children of the light,  
serving you faithfully all our days. Amen.**

**The Silent Prayer**

**The Words of Assurance**

The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity.  
Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord. Amen.

**The Hymn No. 2089***Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

LA GRANGE

1. Wild and lone the prophet's voice  
echoes through the desert still,  
calling us to make a choice,  
bidding us to do God's will:  
"Turn from sin and be baptized;  
cleansing your heart and mind and soul.  
Quitting all the sin you prized,  
yield your life to God's control.
2. "Bear the fruit repentance sows:  
lives of justice, truth, and love.  
Trust no other claim than those;  
set your heart on things above.  
Soon the Lord will come in power,  
burning clean the threshing floor:  
then will flames the chaff devour;  
wheat alone shall fill God's store."
3. With such preaching stark and bold  
John proclaimed salvation near,  
and his timeless warnings hold  
words of hope to all who hear.  
So we dare to journey on,  
led by faith through ways untrod,  
till we come at last like John -  
to behold the Lamb of God.

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**The Scripture Lesson**

Acts 19:1-7

**The Sermon***Always More*

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

**The Offertory Prayer****The Offertory Solo***Carol of the Baptism*

George Brandon

"I come," the great Redeemer cries,  
"To do thy will, O Lord!"  
At Jordan's flood, behold! he seals  
The sure prophetic word.

"Thus it becomes us to fulfill  
All righteousness," he said,  
Then, faithful to the Lord's commands,  
Through Jordan's stream was led.

Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks  
From heav'n's exalted height:  
"This is my Son, my well-beloved,  
In whom I do delight."

Jesus, the Savior, well-beloved!  
His name we will profess,  
Like him, desirous to fulfill  
God's will in righteousness.

No more we'll count ourselves our own  
But his in bonds of love.  
Oh, may such bonds forever draw  
Our souls to things above.

Anonymous  
The Christian Hymn Book, 1865, *alt.* G. B.  
Based on Hebrews 10:7; Psalm 40:7; Matthew 3:13-17  
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## The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer  
The Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 that 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.**

## The Hymn No. 252

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

COMPLAINER

1. 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.
2. 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 began.
3. 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.

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## The Benediction

## The Postlude

*Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came*

Johann Pachelbel

*We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.*

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
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Pianist:	Lee Covington
Singer:	Sam Cook
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	Chris Junker
	Glen Thomsen

## Scripture

### Acts 19:1-7

#### Paul in Ephesus

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> 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.” <sup>3</sup> Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup> 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.” <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— <sup>7</sup> altogether there were about twelve of them.

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