



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

Wade in the Water

African American Spiritual

The Call to Worship

Leader: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

People: What have we done to deserve God's love.

Leader: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

People: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

Leader: God's love never vanishes from us.

People: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, Amen.

The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, your Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world.**

**Grant that your people,
illuminated by your Word and Sacraments,
may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory,
that he may be known, worshiped,
and obeyed to the ends of the earth, now and for ever. 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 his Father's Son.
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 Scripture Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Sermon

Rev. Tim Gerde

The Renewal of Baptism Covenant

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Kenneth Lowenberg

Christ, when for us You were baptized,
God's Spirit on You came,
As peaceful as a dove and yet
As urgent as a flame.

God called You "My beloved Son,"
The suffering servant true,
Sent You the kingdom to proclaim,
God's holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death
You then obeyed God's call
Freely as Son of Man to serve
And give Your life for all.

Baptize us with Your Spirit, Lord,
Your cross on us be signed,
That, likewise in God's service, we
May perfect freedom find.

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The Hymn No. 2248

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

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.

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The Benediction

The Postlude

Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came

Johann Pachelbel

*Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning and
throughout the week to make this worship possible.*

Scripture Readings

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Baptism of Jesus

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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