

# Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

January 9, 2022

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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*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.*

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*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.**
- **Keep social distancing in your sanctuary seating.**
- **No congregational singing during worship service.**
- **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**

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Prelude

Two Settings of *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*

William Ness, organ

Dieterich Buxtehude 1637-1707

Max Reger 1873-1916

Greeting & Announcement

\*Call to Worship

Gary Robinson, Liturgist

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

**Many: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name,

**Many: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

One: The voice of God is over the waters.

**Many: The God of glory thunders; God, over mighty waters.**

One: The voice of God is powerful.

**Many: The voice of God is full of majesty.**

**All: Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

Hymn Interpretation

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.

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and 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 Christ as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

Recognition of Service and Farewell

Ms. Nan A.K. Gibbons

Praise Song Interpretation

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard

**God you so good**

God you're so good. God you are kind.  
God you are wonderful. My God, you are excellent...

Excellent is Thy name. Excellent is Thy might.  
God you are wonderful. My God you are excellent...

**Praise, O' praise, my God and King**

Praise, O praise, my God and King.  
Hymns of adoration, sing;  
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful, ever sure...

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!  
For his mercies, shall endure; Ever faithful ever sure...

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

\*Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Message

Rev. Byungmoo Lee

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\* Please Stand in body or in spirit

We were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized in his death;  
that as Christ was raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives.

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,  
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,  
God had made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;  
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

Christ is the World's Light  
*UMH 188*

David Blackwell b. 1961

*On your way out you may leave your tithe/offering and attendance slip in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. You can also mail your offering to the church or give online via church website ([wesleyworc.org](http://wesleyworc.org)).*

Call to Worship – Psalm 29 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press  
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 198.  
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