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## **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**January 15, 2017**  
**11:00 a.m.**

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### **WELCOME**

Because we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL people, *without exception*, to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of this church. For a description of our worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and at 6:30 a.m. on Thursdays, visit our website at [www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org).

### **FAMILY ROOM**

For parents with infants and toddlers, our Family Room, located in the balcony, offers rockers, books, toys, and a comfortable place for diaper changes. Childcare provided by our well-trained childcare staff is also available in Room 103 and 104 of the Education Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### **SUNDAY PARKING**

For mobility-impaired individuals as well as those needing close-in parking, reserved handicap and accessible parking spaces are designated by signage along the wall of the Trial Lawyers' building. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking in the Trial Lawyer's garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets and at open meters around the church. This will allow our church parking lot to be used by visitors and those needing access to the handicap entrance and elevator on the north side of the Education Building.

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# GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

*Asterisks (\*) indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

## OPENING MUSIC

### GREETING

*All are invited to greet those around them and to fill out the Communication Card.*

*Response:* I was glad when they said to me,  
**“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”**

Psalm 122:1

## ENTERING THE HOLY

### INTROIT

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Psalmes of David

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 his beloved Son, called you his servant true,  
sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.  
Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,  
that, likewise in God’s service we may perfect freedom find.

F. Bland Tucker

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

In Baptism, the God of all creation calls to us,  
**“Come to the water, for you are beloved.”**  
In Baptism, the God of all nations unites us.  
**We are bound together; no barrier can separate us.**  
In Baptism, the God of all grace invites us  
**to walk in God’s ways of love, justice and righteousness.**  
God of all, help us to know Your ways.  
**We gather to be renewed,**  
**to hear Your call,**  
**to teach each other,**  
**to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.**

### \* HYMN 383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

## OPENING PRAYER

### ANTHEM

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

John Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love did so chance  
to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance:  
sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance;  
thus was I knit to man’s nature, to call my true love to my dance:  
sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance,  
 betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance:  
 sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love.

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
 my Father's voice heard from above to call my true love to my dance:  
 sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love.

Traditional English Carol

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

New Testament, page 3

### HYMN

#### Beloved Child, Beloved Community

*Stanzas 1 and 2, sung seated, as the children come forward.*

1. Hear well this good news, trust the word spoken, receive a  
 2. Born of the Spirit, tempered and tested, washed in the  
 3. Sisters and brothers, neighbors and strangers, serve one an -  
 4. Go forth in my name, show forth my kindness, re - new the  
 5. Let us dream God's dream, glimpsed on the mountain, first by the

new name, be - come my own: you are Be - lov - ed, pre - cious and  
 wa - ter, for - give - ness known. Blessed and a - noin - ted with grace un -  
 oth - er in har - mo - ny. You are Be - lov - ed child - ren to -  
 good earth through works of love. Peace be a - mong you that is the  
 one King, then King a - gain; a dream de - ferred now, wait - ing the

cho - sen, with you I'm well - pleased to make my home.  
 mea - sured, you are Be - lov - ed, my child, my own.  
 geth - er in a be - lov - ed com - mun - i - ty.  
 wit - ness: my Spir - it with you, sent from a - bove.  
 foun - tain where jus - tice rolls down and praise a - scends.

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Music: BUNESSAN - Gaelic melody

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### HYMN

#### Beloved Child, Beloved Community

*Stanzas 3, 4, and 5, sung seated, as the children return to their seats.*

### SERMON

Wade in the Water

Taylor Fuerst

# RESPONDING IN FAITH

## REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

### *Introduction*

Sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ:  
through the sacrament of baptism  
God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,  
water poured over and immersing us,  
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,  
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,  
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,  
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters,  
to renew our commitments in each other's presence  
to Christ who has raised us,  
the Spirit who has birthed us,  
and the Creator who is making all things new.

### *Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith*

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world,  
and repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us  
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
in whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,  
put our whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as our Lord,  
in union with the church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together,  
wherever you are and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church  
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith  
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust  
in God, the Father Almighty.  
in Jesus Christ, his only Son.  
and in the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and forever.**

*Thanksgiving Over the Water*  
The Spirit of the Lord is with us.  
**Even so, come Lord Jesus!**

Let us pray.  
Almighty God,  
the life you birthed in us  
by baptism into Jesus Christ  
will never die.  
Your justice never fails.  
Your mercy is everlasting.  
**Your healing river flows.**  
**Your Spirit blows where you will.**  
**We cannot stop you, God!**

But sometimes we try.  
We try to block the flow,  
we redirect the winds of the Spirit,  
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream  
that we do not hear its sound,  
and we forget its power.  
We parch ourselves.  
**We are dry and thirsty, O God.**  
**Come, refresh us!**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!  
**Come upon us, Holy Spirit!**  
Come upon these waters.  
**Come upon these waters.**

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.  
**Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.**  
Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.  
**Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.**

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!  
**Glory to you!**  
Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!  
**Glory to you!**

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!  
**Glory to you!**  
Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!  
**All glory is yours, now and forever.**  
**Amen!**

Remember that you are baptized, and rejoice!

All who are baptized and have renewed their vows are invited to come to the font to use the water as a sign of refreshing. If you have not been baptized, you are invited to come to the font in anticipation of being washed in God's waters. If you would like to talk with a Pastor about being baptized, please notify a pastor after worship today to begin that conversation.

As all come forward, you are invited to sing...

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This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

Hymn

You Are Mine

1. I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2. I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3. I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 4. I am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I

I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shad - ows of the night,  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the  
 am the peace the world can - not give. I will call your name, em -

*Refrain*

claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here. Do not be a - afraid, I am  
 I will be your light, come and rest in me.  
 lame will all run free, and all will know my name.  
 brac - ing all your pain, stand up - now walk, and live!

with you. I have called you each by name. Come and fol - low me,

I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

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Hymn

Down By the Jordan

1. Down by the Jor - dan, a pro - phet named John was bap - ti - zing,  
 2. There by the ri - ver, the crowd came with great ex - pec - ta - tion:  
 3. Je - sus, you went to be bap - tized a - long with the oth - ers,  
 4. Here in the Church, we are bap - tized and filled with God's Spir - it.

preach - ing a mes - sage the peo - ple found bold and sur - pris - ing:  
 "Are you God's Cho - sen One, sent here to res - cue our na - tion?"  
 tak - ing your place a - mong sin - ners, God's lost sons and daugh - ters.  
 Freed and for - giv - en, we're wel - comed with joy! Can you hear it?

"God will for - give! Show that you'll change how you live!  
 "No!" John re - plied. "He who is might - tier than I  
 Then with great love, God's Spir - it came as a dove!  
 This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"

Sure - ly God's new day is ris - ing!"  
 judg - es and of - fers sal - va - tion."  
 Your work be - gan in those wa - ters.  
 Let's take the good news and share it!

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Music: LOBE DEN HERREN - Emeuerten Gesangbuch, harm. by William Sterndale Bennett

**INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY**

*Worship leads us to make commitments to God. All are called by God to give generously in response to God's generosity and to support the work God is doing through the Church. If your response involves taking a first step to become a follower of Christ and/or a member of this church, fill out a Communication Card and place it in the offering plate. The next First Steps class will be Sunday, January 22, at 12:15 p.m.*

## OFFERTORY

## Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple / Arr. Martin Neary

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand.  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

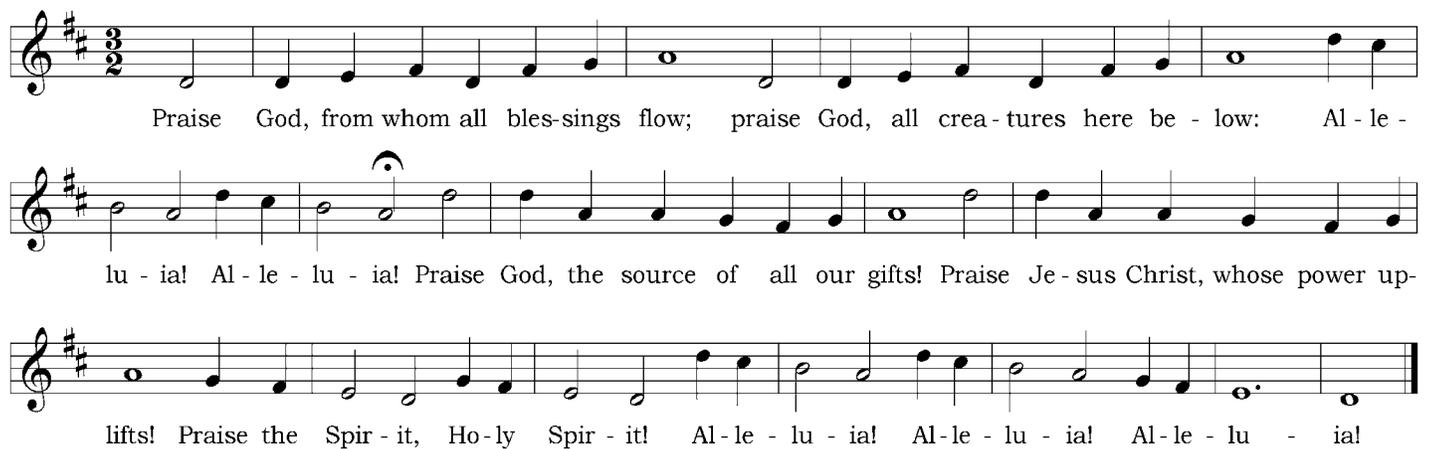
Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Attr. St. Francis; adapt. Sebastian Temple

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## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!

Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* HYMN 519

### Lift Every Voice and Sing

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher:* Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Pastors:* Reverend Michael Mumme, Reverend Cathy Stone, and Trevor Harper

*Music Director/Organist:* Scott Davis

*Associate Music Director:* Wendi Olinger