



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 15, 2017
9:00 a.m.

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.

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.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* 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

Baptized in Water



1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the blood of Christ our
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the tomb with Christ our
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the sign of Christ our



King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
King: one with his ris - ing, freed and for - giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
King: born of one Fa - ther, we are his chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Music: BUNESSAN - Gaelic melody

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

New Testament, page 3

SERMON

Wade in the Water

Taylor Fuerst

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional USA Folk Song

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about that good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord , show me the way.

Oh sisters, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.

Oh brothers, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.

Oh fathers, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.

Oh mothers, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.

Oh sinners, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP AND REAFFIRMING OUR BAPTISM

We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread lightly in the cup. After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.

If you would like to be served in your seat, please let an usher know that, or ask someone sitting near you to communicate that to the servers.

Gluten-free wafers and cups are available at the left (north) side station. As you approach the servers, please indicate that you would like to receive a wafer.

After receiving communion, 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...

Hymn

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are
 3. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you
 5. "In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too old, no long - er
 7. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are



old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 on; you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 old, I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold."



2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you
 4. If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as
 6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry



well; in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 one, I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 eyes, I'll be there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

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I Come with Joy

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When Jesus Came to Jordan

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

It is a United Methodist custom to receive a freewill love offering, over and above our regular giving, at the communion rail. Today, all gifts left on the rail will go to our Christmas Eve Breakfast.

CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God,

**We give you thanks for the gift of these sacraments
 that bind our lives to yours.**

**As we go from this place in your spirit,
 grant us the courage to work for your justice
 and to give ourselves for the sake of the world.**

Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* 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 migh - 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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Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (Upper Room Books, 2009)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Pastors: Reverend Michael Mumme and Tucker Thurman

Communion: Peggy Davis, Virginia McCarroll, and Tucker and Whitney Thurman

Musicians: Michael Carrillo, *Cantor;* Evelyn Gullatt, *Violin;* and Susannah Willms, *Piano*

Singers: Linda Murdock, Tom Richardson, Victoria Tijerina, and Dan Wood