



BAPTISM OF THE
LORD SUNDAY

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Welcoming New Members Sunday

Sunday Worship (In-Person & Online)

January 9, 2022, 10 a.m.

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

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ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP IN-PERSON OR ONLINE AT 10:00 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please stand if you are able.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES / Kristin Beals and Julia Zeeb, Acolytes

PRELUDE: *"Variations on an American Hymn Tune,"* Parts 1-6 (By Gordon Young) / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS** / Robert Phillips, Organist

***CHORAL INTROIT:** *"The Lord Is in His Holy Temple"* from *Introits and Responses* (By C. Albert Scholin) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from Psalm 29, Isaiah 43) / Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist (Liturgist) Sing praises to the Lord. Sing of God's glory and strength.

(People) God calls us over the waters and strengthens us for the journey.

(Liturgist) Sing praises to Christ. Sing of Christ's healing and love.

(People) The waters of our baptism cleanse us, renewing our spirits and nursing our wounds.

(Liturgist) Sing praises to the Spirit. Sing of the Spirit's comfort and hope.

(All) The flames of the Spirit are like a refiner's fire, purifying the soul to the glory of God. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** #400 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* (Words by Robert Robinson; Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*) / All (Led by Valerie Othon; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Verse 2

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

WELCOME / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor
Sharing of Joys & Concerns

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE: #607 "A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition"

(Pastor) I am no longer my own, but thine.

(People) Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

(Pastor) Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

(People) Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,

(Pastor) Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

(People) Let me be full, let me be empty.

(Pastor) Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

(People) I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.

(Pastor) And now, O Glorious and blessed God,

(People) Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

(Pastor) Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

(People) And the covenant which I have made on earth,

(All) Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*" from *Introits and Responses* (By C. Albert Scholin) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

CHILDREN'S TIME / Mateo Mamea

***GOSPEL READING:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV) / Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ! Amen!

ANTHEM: "*Alleluia*" (By Ed Harris) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

SERMON: "**GOD'S BELOVED CHILD**" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #2248 "*Baptized in Water*" (Words by Michael Seward; Music: trad. Gaelic melody) / All (Led by Valerie Othon; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 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.**

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist

(Liturgist) As God has gathered us together, let us join together to share our gifts with God's people, that all may know they are all beloved children of God.

(All) Amen!

HOW TO GIVE / Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist

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- Automatic Draft: Please set it up through your bank, if you have not done so yet.

Thank you so much for being faithful to God through our Church!

***DOXOLOGY:** #95 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* / All (Led by Valerie Othon, Hymn Leader; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON) / All (Led by Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist)**

Beloved God, bless these gifts with your loving presence. Bless our very lives with your Holy Spirit, that we may be signs of your mercy and grace in the world. In your loving Spirit, we pray. Amen.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Reaffirmation of Faith: Mike Alfred

Transfer: Jessica Bennett



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THROUGH REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

AND TRANSFER

Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 9, 2022

INTRODUCTION

(Pastor) Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

(Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader) I present Mike Alfred to reaffirm his faith. I also present Jessica Bennett who is transferring her membership from Wesley United Methodist Church, Riverside, California.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Pastor) On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **(Candidates) I do.**

(Lay Leader) Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **(Candidates) I do.**

(Pastor) Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **(Candidates) I do.**

(Pastor) According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **(Candidates) I will.**

(Lay Leader addresses the congregation) Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

(Congregation) We do.

(Pastor to the congregation) Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

(Congregation) With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Pastor) *(Name)*, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

(Pastor) *(Name)*, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Lay Leader) As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

(Candidate) **I will.**

RECEPTION INTO THE CONGREGATION OF FUMC OF RIVERSIDE

(Pastor addresses all candidates) As members of this congregation, First United Methodist Church of Riverside, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

(Candidate) **I will.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

(Pastor addresses the congregation) Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

(Congregation) We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Riverside, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BLESSINGS FOR THOSE RECEIVED AND WELCOMED

(Pastor) The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

(All) Amen!

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP

LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** #605 *“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”* (Words by Ruth Duck; Music attr. to B. F. White; harm by Ronald A. Nelson) / All (Led by Valerie Othon; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart’s delight.

Verse 2

We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast,
partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

Verse 3

O how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Adapted from Isaiah 43)

(Pastor) Go forth and proclaim the good news: God calls us by name and fashions us for glory.

(People) We go as people washed clean in the waters of our baptism.

(Pastor) Go forth and live the good news: the Holy Spirit blesses us and seals us in God’s love.

(All) We go as people blessed by God, that we might be a blessing to others. Amen!

POSTLUDE: *“Variations on an American Hymn Tune,”* Part 7 (By Gordon Young) / Robert Phillips, Organist

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD / Kristin Beals & Julia Zeeb, Acolytes

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please contact the church office for more details.

Sunday, January 9

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 am
Baptism of the Lord Worship (Sanctuary) - 10 am
Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) - 10:15 am
UMM Meeting (Zoom) - 11:30 am

Monday, January 10

UMW Almond Wesleyan Circle (Zoom) - 1 pm
Trustees (Zoom) - 7 pm
Worship Committee (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, January 11

SPRC (Zoom) - 7 pm
Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 7 pm

Wednesday, January 12

Parents' Morning Out (PS Room 2) - 9 am
UMW Executive Board Meeting (Zoom) - 1 pm
Youth (Youth Center) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 13

Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Sunday, January 16

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) - 10 am
Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) - 10:15 am

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