

Preservice

Welcome / Announcements

Rev. Mark Kimbrough

Prelude

Call to Worship

April Vaden

In the beginning, the voice of God divided the waters and brought forth land for life to flourish.

In a time of peril, God divided the sea and the people of Israel found freedom from oppression.

When the Word became flesh among us, He was cradled in the water of Mary's womb.

When Jesus revealed His unity with us, it was the water of baptism that made us one.

Hymn of Praise

This is a Day of New Beginnings

UMH 383

*This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.*

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

*Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.*

Congregational Prayer

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Giver of life, first You formed us from dirt and water, shaping us as a Potter, and then You breathed life into us by Your Spirit. Without Your creative love, how may we live?

By water, You have bound us to Your Son through our baptism, washing us so we might serve You in holiness of heart and life, even as He served You among us.

Do not let us forget the life to which we were called when we were baptized and marked as Your servant-people.

Fill us with wisdom and courage to seek Your will in everything we say and do, so that You may receive all honor and praise. This we pray in the name of Jesus

Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Kimbrough

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Offertory Celebration

Rev. Kimbrough

Offertory Anthem

Peace Like a River

arr. Kirby

Children's Time

Come As A Child

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Hymn of Grace

Take Me to the Water

W&S 3165

*Take me to the water, take me to the water, take me to the water to be baptized.
None but the righteous, none but the righteous, not but the righteous shall see God
I love Jesus, I love Jesus, I love Jesus, yes, I do.
He's my savior, He's my savior, He's my savior, yes, he is.*

Sermon Intro/Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Richard White

Scripture: Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV)

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon**Baptism of the Lord**

Dr. Richard White

Hymn of Commitment**Baptized in Water**

TFWS 2248

*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 praise we sing.*

*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 praise we sing.*

*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 praise we sing.*

Benediction

Dr. Richard White

Dismissal**Grace Alone**

TFWS 2162

*Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.*

Chimes**Postlude**



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