



Liturgist-Galena United Methodist Church

A Worship Experience of Water & the Spirit

January 9, 2022

*This is the day in our church calendar when we celebrate Jesus' baptism.
It is the day we are encouraged to remember the role baptism has played in our own life.
It is a day we are challenged to remember that, along with Jesus, we are beloved by God
and empowered to participate in the rebuilding of God's realm.*

Liturgist: Dale Henze Greeter: Elisa Skeeter
Pianist/Organist: Cody Clayton

We Gather as the People of God

Gathering Music

Gather Us In

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PLAY ALL- SHORT

<https://youtu.be/hEjSFILfloo>

[Catholic Hymns - Vocal, Piano, free MIDI tracks](#)

by Marty Haugen. free download at www.CatholicChristianMIDI.com.

Video covers welcome and Music for Centering-(Threshold Moment)

Welcoming

Pastor Catiana

Welcome, both you who are with us this morning in our sanctuary and you,
who are experiencing God's grace with us, through your screen....

However it is, we worship, God is with us all!

As part of our worship,

we will celebrate a Remembering your baptism and being thankful.

I invite you who are joining us from home to have your own bowl of water and a towel near by.

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Music for Centering on God (Threshold Moment)

Water sound effect is undaer recording

Catiana: Water is one of the most ancient symbols of our faith.

It was water that the Israelites came through into freedom. It was water
that Jesus was baptized in. It was water by which he called the disciples.

It was water that he used to teach his disciples how to be servants to all.

Today we take a Journey of our own Discipleship through water and the Spirit.

We let go of all things we do not need. We remember our belovedness.

We recommit to serve others with joy.

So let us now go down to the river to pray...

MUSIC

VIDEO Threshold Moment

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Down to the River to Pray W & S #3164 Southern USA Folk Song

RUN AS IS

1 As I went down to the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

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

Come on, sisters, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

2 As I went down to the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

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

Come on, brothers, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

ADD THIS – RECORDING HAS 5 VERSES....IT'S OK

Verse changes: Come on, fathers

Come on mothers

Come on, sinners

VIDEO One: The Spirit of God danced over the waters of creation, shaping love from chaos.

Two: The Spirit of God hovered over Jordan's waters, declaring a love that has no limits.

One: The Spirit of God comes to us in the gift of water, proclaiming,

“You are my beloved.” In baptism we use water to show how God offers us
new life as people born to love and be loved.

(Pour water into bowl.)

Both: With Love, together let us worship our God!

USE ALL OF MUSIC VIDEO <https://youtu.be/RyJhJyjNkj4> SEE EMAIL IF NEEDED

Opening Song *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* UMH #605 Words: Ruth Duck /Tune: Beach Spring
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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

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

Oh, 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!

VIDEO Prayer of Confession and Words of affirmation

DALE: *(Scoop hand in water and hold hand up over the bowl while water seeps through fingers.)*

God has given us abundant resources with which to live and thrive.

Why, then, do some have so much when others have so little?

CATIANA: *(Scoop hand in water and hold hand up over the bowl while water seeps through fingers.)*

God has given us minds and bodies with which to imagine, create, nurture, and love.

Why, then, is there so much destruction and hatred?

DALE: *(Scoop hand in water and hold hand up over the bowl while water seeps through fingers.)*

God showers us with love.

Why, then, do we act as if there were not enough love to go around?

Catiana: *(Scoop hand in water and hold hand up over the bowl while water seeps through fingers.)*

Scarcity...not enough...we fear it, and in our fear we create it.

And yet, we have been given so much.

All: **We are beloved. Let us love as we are loved.**

Thanks be to God for water's tidings of grace.

DALE *Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you. **All:** **And also with you.**

We Hear God's Word

MUSIC VIDEO- USE AS IS -ALL

Preparing for Scripture

Christ Be Our Light

Bernadette Farrell



VIDEO -DALE Hebrew Bible Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 **CEB (Common English Bible)**

But now, says the LORD—the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel:

Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched and flame won't burn you.

I am the LORD your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior.

I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place.

Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you.

I give people in your place, and nations in exchange for your life. Don't fear, I am with you.

From the east I'll bring your children; from the west I'll gather you.

I'll say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Don't detain them."

Bring my sons from far away, and my daughters from the end of the earth,

everyone who is called by my name and whom I created for my glory,

whom I have formed and made.

The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

VIDEO

ONE=DALE TWO= CATIANA A Psalm of David Psalm 29 **CEB**

One: You, divine beings! Give to the LORD— give to the LORD glory and power!

Give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bow down to the LORD in holy splendor!

Two: The LORD's voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders;
the LORD is over the mighty waters.

One: The Lord's voice is strong; the LORD's voice is majestic. The LORD's voice breaks
cedar trees—yes, the LORD shatters the cedars of Lebanon. The Lord makes Lebanon jump around
like a young bull, makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox.

Two: The LORD's voice unleashes fiery flames; the LORD's voice shakes the wilderness—
yes, the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

One: The LORD's voice convulses the oaks, strips the forests bare,
but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the floodwaters; the LORD sits enthroned—king forever!

Two: Let the LORD give strength to his people! Let the LORD bless his people with peace!

DALE Gospel Reading Luke 3:15–17, 21–22 **Adaptation**

There was a crowd gathered around John, ready to be baptized by him and hear him preach. They were filled with expectation, wondering if he might be the Messiah. John said to them,

"I baptize you with water, but there is one coming who will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and with fire. I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals."

Even so, the people still came to John to be baptized.

Then Jesus was baptized by John, and afterwards, while Jesus was praying, the heavens opened. And the Holy Spirit came down to Jesus in the form of a dove. Then a voice sounded, saying, "You are my Beloved. With you I am well pleased."

May God empower the Word in our hearing.

MUSIC VIDEO

Remembering Our Children

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH #206

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**I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus
In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus**

VIDEO- SERMON OR WITNESS TO THE WORD

Witness to the Word

Remembering God's Promises

Pastor Catiana

We Respond to the Word of God

PLAY VIDEO THROUGH AS IS

Music Response

Water, River, Spirit, Grace TFWS #2253

Words: Thomas H. Troeger, O. I. Cricket Harrison/Tune: TRES RIOS;© 1987, 1991 Oxford University Press, Inc.

**Water, River, Spirit, Grace,
sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced
in sculpting me in sculpting me.**

Invocation and Blessing of the Water

water is poured into the basins during the reading]

Gracious God, we thank you that in every age you have made water a sign of your presence.

In the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and they became the source of all creation.

You led your people Israel through the waters of the Red Sea to their new land of freedom and hope.

In the waters of the Jordan, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with your Spirit for his ministry.

May this same Spirit bless the water we use today, that it may be a fountain of a new creation. This is the water through which we experience the healing and wholeness, promising us that a time will come when all is good.

Come, Spirit, come and be a new reality. Renew us as we acknowledge that you are the victory, you are the grace, And you are the reason this gathering is a holy place. Come, Spirit, renew the hearts of all gathered for praise and prayer, renew in us the desire for justice and peace, liberation and life now and every day.

PLAY VIDEO AGAIN- IT'S 2 VERSES OF MUSIC-OK

reprise of "Water, River, Spirit, Grace"

**Water, River, Spirit, Grace,
sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced
in sculpting me in sculpting me.
Reflection & Invitation to Prayer**

SPOKEN Video.....music was before not below but I'm leaving bulletin as is.

Prayers of the People

Christmas is past and you are invited to consider what it means and meant that Jesus was baptized. How might assurance of God's love lead to stronger faith and hope? You are invited to respond to God's Word by writing your reflection or prayer of petition or intercession on your prayer card. You may place your prayer card in the offering box. Prayers will share with the congregation, unless you indicate otherwise.

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Prayer Music *Water, River, Spirit, Grace* TFWS #2253

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God of heaven and earth, in Jesus' baptism, you spoke Jesus' true identity as your child, the beloved with whom you are well pleased.

Help us remember that Jesus' baptism is an invitation to each one of us to die to sin,
be raised to a new life in Christ, and hold firm to the life that Jesus taught us to live.

In Baptism, our identity as children of God is made visible,
and we become brothers and sisters in Christ.

As part of God's family, our hearts are opened to pray for one another.

For those among us who carry a heavy burden into the new year,

For those who grieve a diagnosis or death,

For those who are restless or sad or unsatisfied and cannot put a name on the feeling,

For those who feel alone...

For those living in harm's way or those recovering from an act of violence,

For those who are sick,

For each one of us who needs your strength and guidance daily,

We pray in the name of the one who taught us how to pray and love one another.

Prayer of Jesus: Together, let us pray the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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.

FROM THE RITUAL OF THE FORMER METHODIST CHURCH

(DALE) video upto Music Thanksgiving Offering our Gifts

Because of COVID we are not passing the offering plate but there are many ways you might support the ministries of this "Body of Christ"

There is a wooden box at the back of the sanctuary provided for your giving or you may donate by mail or electronic giving through your bank.

Together, we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally.

Our "Change for the Better January through March will be named this week.

(if added to your tithe check, please indicate amount of donation to ministry on MEMO)

RIP Medical Debt Relief Program/Fundraising Campaign

Joining First Presbyterian & Grace Episcopal Church in fund raising for RIP Medical Debt Relief Program/Fundraising Campaign

\$1 equals \$100 in Debt Relief for the poorest.

MUISC VIDEO <https://youtu.be/710ldj7DzD4>

Singing Our Thanksgiving

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #94

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!

THESE TWO ARE IN ONE VIDEO

...*Prayer of Dedication

To a world full of pain and broken relationships, we offer these gifts and the openness of our hearts, to be a compassionate community for all. Amen.

DALE Affirmation of Faith *Based on Isaiah 43:17*

One: Let us affirm what we believe. God says: "Do not fear,"

All: "for I have redeemed you."

One: God has called you by name. You belong to God.

All: God says: "I will be with you."

One: The rivers shall not overwhelm you; the fire shall not consume you.

God gathers offspring from the east and west, the north and south.

All: God's love is great. It is the love of a parent for a precious and beloved child.

One: God says: "Do not fear,"

All: "for I am with you."

One: God has fulfilled God's promise in Jesus the Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: God is with us. Hallelujah! Amen.

We Go Forth in God's Spirit

MUSIC VIDEO AS BELOW

***Closing Song** *I Am the Light of the World* by Jim Strathdee, based on based on John 8:12, and a poem, "The Work of Christmas" written by American theologian, Howard Thurman
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<https://youtu.be/U2raH2XxEqU> Golden Ears United Church

SONG OF CHRISTMAS

Refrain: "I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery
Of what you were meant to do and be.

1. When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the shepherds have found their way home,
The work of Christmas is begun:

2. To find the lost and lonely one,
To heal the broken soul with love,
To feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,
To feel the earth below, the sky above!
3. To free the pris'ner from all chains,
To make the powerful ones care,
To rebuild the nations with strength of good will,
To see God's children everywhere.
4. To bring hope to every task you do,
To dance at a baby's new birth,
To make music in an old person's heart,
and sing the colors of the earth!

VIDEO

Blessing

Beloved of God, go into this world that God loves.

Bless it with your imagination; transform it with your courage; renew it with your compassion.
And may the Spirit's presence fill you with abundant hope and everlasting joy. Amen.

VIDEO Postlude

Spirit of God

TFWS 2117 Steve Garnaas Holmes

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