



St. John's United Church of Christ
Virtual Worship
Baptism of Christ
January 10, 2021
10:00 a.m.

St. John's United Church of Christ
An "Open and Affirming" Congregation

BAPTISM OF CHRIST
Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m. January 10, 2021

(Let us be silent and prayerful as we prepare ourselves for worship.)

MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Remembering that God calls us through Christ to be ministers with each other, St. John's United Church of Christ, as inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit, seeks: To be inclusive and accessible to all people; To provide loving service to all of God's people through mission and ministry; To strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

Prelude

Sharing of Announcements and Joys & Concerns

Moment for Centering

Call to Worship

Today we celebrate a special baptism, the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.

God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations.

*When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove;
and there was a voice from heaven saying:*

"This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."

The joy of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Opening Music: #597

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Shall we gather at the river?
Where bright angel feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God

Soon we'll reach the shining river
Soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace

Yes, we'll gather at the river
The beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints at the river
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Words for All - Especially Children

Scriptures: Mark 1:4-11

Message ***"Fast Forward"***

We Pause to Pray *"Morning Star"* - Mock/López

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sinned and sinned against us) 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

Offering Response #781

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.

Dedication of Gifts and Offerings:

Faithful God, bless us in our baptismal calling to be in ministry of showing hospitality to others. We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used not for conquest and dominance, but for use in liberating the poor and hurting people who pray for our liberation as well as their own. Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. Amen.

Music to Send Us Forth #292

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me
May glow with holy fire.

Benediction

Postlude

In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Morning

(please contact the church office, at 570-523-0162, with any updates)

Ongoing Needs- Betty Hackenberg, Janet & Richard Heaton, Joanne & Bill Stahley, Linda Williams, Wayne Williams.

Shut-In/Homebound- Ann Beasom, Richard Berry, Peg Brouse, Ethel Foor, Bill & Lola Fuller, Evelyn Mabus, Ken Moore, Nancy Sechler, Mary Stover, Amelia Troutman.

Immediate Concerns -Oliver Auman, Helen Barsh, Scot Bower, The Family of Fred Groover, Ethel Moser, Loretta Roberson, The Family of Velma Ruhl, The Family of Karen Morgan, Christine Sartwell, Peg Swinehart, Nancy Weslosky, Samantha Wyvill, Megan Oxley, Malinda Price.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

December 27, 2020

Current Expenses - \$6,310.00; Envelope Expenses (2021) - \$2.00; Giant Gift Cards - \$400.00; Habitat for Humanity - \$53.00; Improvements/Maintenance - \$115.00; LEAF Fund - \$100.00; Memorial Fund - \$50.00; OCWM - \$197.00; Transitions - \$100.00; UCC Christmas Fund - \$100.00; Weis Gift Card sales - \$350.00

GRAND TOTAL - \$7,777.00 THANK YOU!

OFFERING ENVELOPES - The Offering Envelopes for 2021 are available at the Church office. Please call the office (570-523-0162), to make arrangements for pick up! Or, if you prefer, we can have someone deliver them to your door(locally). We are trying to keep costs down for mailing as it costs about \$4.00 per/box to send via USPS. Thanks for your cooperation.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Due to COVID restrictions, we will NOT be holding the Annual Congregational Meeting. Reports will be sent out and the meeting will be held at a later date!