



Online Worship | January 10, 2021

You are invited to have a bowl or other container of water ready as we remember our baptisms later in the service. You will also need a piece paper ready during today's worship service.

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. Bober

Judi Wilkinson, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On that first day, when time began:

People: you gave birth to creation;
light danced through the darkness;
the waters of hope flowed free and clear.

Leader: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:

People: you spoke of life for all your children,
as your Child stepped into the waters of
forgiveness, dancing in hope with his cousin, John.

Leader: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:

People: you call us to faithfulness,
as we open our hearts to you,
your voice claiming us as your own.

HYMN

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed

How Great Thou Art

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
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UMH #77

Verse 2

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

Verse 3

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

How Great Thou Art**Verse 4**

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 the third day he rose from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT**PRAISE MUSIC****Verse 1**

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

Pre-Chorus

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Open Up the Heavens**Chorus**

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Interlude

Oo oo oo oo oo

Praise Band

Verse 2

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

Bridge

Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

Ending

Oo oo oo oo

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:4-11 & 1 Peter 2:2-10

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

CHORAL ANTHEM

Wade in the Water

Chancel Choir

by Mark Hayes

MESSAGE

Chosen & Precious: Like Living Stones

Rev. Kim Kinsey

HYMN

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

UMH #122

1. God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

4. God of the hungry

God of the sick

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

2. God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

5. God of the neighbor

God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

3. God of the rainbow

God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

6. God of the ages

God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home

GIVING TALK AND PRAYER

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CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

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.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Since the earliest times, the vows of the Baptismal Covenant have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.

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?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

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?

I do.

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?

I will.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb.

He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism.

For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

We give thanks for all that God has already given us.

As members of the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we will faithfully 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.

PRAISE SONG**Bring the Rain**

Praise Band

Verse 1

Can you hear there's a new song
 Breaking out from the children of freedom
 Ev'ry race and ev'ry nation
 Sing it out sing a new hallelujah yeah

Verse 2

Let us sing love to the nations
 Bringing hope of the grace that has freed us
 Make it known and make Him famous
 Sing it out sing a new hallelujah yeah

Chorus

Arise let the church (song) arise
 Let love reach to the other side
 Alive come alive
 Let the song arise

Verse 3

Africa sings a new song
 Reaching out with a new hallelujah
 Ev'ry son and ev'ry daughter
 Ev'ryone sing a new hallelujah

Bridge

Woh (woh) yeah (yeah)
 Let the song arise
 (Let the song arise)
 Yeah (yeah)
 Let the song arise
 (Let the song arise)

Ending

Ev'ryone sing a new hallelujah
 Ev'ryone sing a new hallelujah

BENEDICTION

May the blessing of the three-in-one God be yours.

May the Spirit bless you with hope poured out like water and flowing as the river.

May Jesus bless you with discomfort at injustice and oppression.

May the Creator who holds the Earth as an artist holds brush and palette fill your imagination
 so that you always find the world inspiring and wonderful.

May God in whose being beauty shines on you journey with you.

God says to you, "you are my beloved, be blessed this day and always."

DOXOLOGY**POSTLUDE**

Aina Olonade, organ

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