

Order of Worship
BAPTISM OF CHRIST SUNDAY
9:30 am – January 16, 2022

Participating Live?

Text your prayer requests to 805-309-6867 before the end of the first hymn.

PRELUDE

Prelude in C, BWV 553
Lance Crane, organ

WELCOME

HYMN

O Worship the King
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 1486

UMH 73

O worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Ron Harrington, liturgist

Beloved One, you call us by name and claim us as your own. As we were sealed into your love by the waters of our baptism, claim us once again through the power of your Holy Spirit. May your glory shine forth in everything we do, that the world might know us as a people of the water and of the Spirit. Amen.

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HYMN

Spirit Song
CCLI / Streaming: 345977 / 20105371 / CCLI Song # 27824

UMH 347

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love.

Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

O let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.

O give Him all your tears and sadness; give Him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Matt

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Down to the Water to Pray
FUMC Chancel Choir; Rich Medrano, director; Lance Crane, accompanist

Pepper Choplin

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 43: 1-7; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 (NRSV)* Ron Harrington, liturgist
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *You Are Beloved* Pastors

OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

Generous God, pour out your Holy Spirit on our lives and on our gifts, that they and we may become signs of Your love and grace through the work of our church and our ministries. Send us into the world with strength for the journey, hope to guide the way, and faith to sustain us always, so that we may love and bless others just as we are loved and blessed by You. Amen.

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HYMN *Down by the Jordan* Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
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Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:
“God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live! Surely God's new day is rising!”

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:
“Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?”
“No!” John replied. “He who is mightier than I Judges and offers salvation.”

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,
taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove! Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?
This is God's sign! This is how God says, “You're mine!” Let's take the good news and share it!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Improvisation*
Lance Crane, organ

You are invited to enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the courtyard after worship!

Prayer Requests:

St. James UMC — Pastor Malyong Yi

Santa Clarita Korean Mission — Pastor Sang Hun Park

Family and Friends of Rodney Spitz (uncle of Tasha Salas) — passed away on 1/11 after a brain aneurysm

Kate Stradling (Kimmie's sister) and family — ongoing health concerns

All those who are sick with COVID-19, have lost loved ones, or are living with long-term effects.



MOSES:

*In the Footsteps of the
Reluctant Prophet*

A six-week study beginning
January 17, 2022
Mondays 6 pm via Zoom

Contact layleader@venturafumc.org for more information.

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