

Order of Worship
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT
9:30 am – January 14, 2024

Participating Live?

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

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend
Kyle Hanks, Organ

arr. Don Hustad

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Karen Flock, liturgist

There are some days when I need the reminder that I belong to God. Do you ever feel that way?

Yes. We do.

The world can be a harsh place, we often need that reminder.

Well then, let us care for one another. Let us speak the truth we each need to hear.

Church, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.

Friend, you belong to God. You are God's beloved.

Let us worship the God who knows our names.

Let us worship the God who calls us beloved. Amen.

Prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

OPENING HYMN

God Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us

UMH 100

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1. God, whose love is reigning o'er us, source of all, the ending true;

Hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:

Alleluia, Alleluia, worship ancient, worship new.

2. Word of God from nature bringing springtime green and autumn gold;

Mountain streams like children singing, ocean waves like thunder bold:

Alleluia, Alleluia, as creation's tale is told.

3. Holy God of ancient glory, choosing man and woman, too;
Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you.

Alleluia, Alleluia, to your covenant keep us true.

4. Covenant, new again in Jesus, Starchild born to set us free;
Sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.

Alleluia, Alleluia, risen Christ, our Savior he!

5. Lift we then our human voices in the songs that faith would bring;

Live we then in human choices lives that, like our music, sing:

Alleluia, Alleluia, joined in love our praises ring!

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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3: 21-22

Karen Flock, liturgist

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (Children and Youth come to the steps for a word from the pastor)

PREPARATION HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River

UMH 723

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1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. **(Refrain)**

3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **(Refrain)**

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. **(Refrain)**

MESSAGE

Pastor Cindy Huskey

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Deep Is the Love of the Lord

VFUMC Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson, Director; Kyle Hanks, Piano; Mary Ellen Reddie, Violin
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REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

UMH 50

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Life-giving God, our story begins with belovedness. Even when we lose our way, even if we stumble and fall, your love never stops breaking through the clouds to claim us. Because we are known and loved by you, we offer these gifts as but a token of our gratitude for your mercies and grace. Accept these gifts. Allow them to do your work in this church, in this community and throughout your world. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

SENDING HYMN

I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

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1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
3. When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
4. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
5. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
6. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
7. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Nun freut euch, lieben Christen, BWV 755

Kyle Hanks, organ

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J. S. Bach

Deep is the Love of the Lord

Come to the water, the ocean of grace. Deep is the love of the Lord.
Rest on the sands of that beautiful place. Deep is the love of the Lord.
Rejoice in the depths of His wonderful peace. Come, let your faith be restored.
Come to the water, the ocean of grace. Deep is the love of the Lord.
Come to the water; refresh and restore. Deep is the love of the Lord.
Horizons are glowing, and golden, the shore. Deep is the love of the Lord.
For God has been faithful, His promises, true. Love is our hope evermore.
Come to the water, the ocean of grace. Deep is the love of the Lord.
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!
Come to the water, to flourish and thrive. Deep is the love of the Lord.
Come to the water, be fully alive. Deep is the love of the Lord.
Oh, this is the season to celebrate hope, serving in one accord.
Come to the water, our source evermore, deep is the love of the Lord.
Deep is the peace, deep is the grace, deep is the love of the Lord.
Deep is the love.

Prayer Requests

Santa Clarita Korean Mission —Pastor Sang Hun Park

St. James UMC, Pasadena—Pastor Connie Tamkin

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.

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