



Worship of God in Christ January 8, 2023



“John Baptizes Jesus” (1973) by the Jesus Mafa Project”

Baptism of the Lord

Marking of the Hour

Barbara Moore

*We mark the hour, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ,
and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.*

Opening Words

Will Cooke

Prelude – “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” (arr. Jordan)

Barbara Moore

Lighting the Candles

*We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the
Light of the world which guides us through life.*

Opening the Bible

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

Call to Worship

Ingrid Flaherty

Leader: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

People: Jesus emerges from the water.

Leader: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

People: “This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased.”

Leader: Jesus is named. Claimed.

People: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Leader: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

All: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

*Hymn – “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

*Invocation

Rev. Val Fisk

Greeting

Rev. Fisk

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the red booklets found in each row
so that we have a record of your presence with us today.*

Children’s Sermon

Sheri Owen

Celebration of Baptism – Mike Santana

Leader: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the
gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

People: There is one body and one Spirit.

Leader: There is one hope in God’s call to us.

**People: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and
Creator of us all.**

Leader: Jesus came to John to be baptized by him. But John tried to
make him change his mind. “I ought to be baptized by you,” John
said, “yet you have come to me!”

People: Jesus said, "Let it be so for now. For in this way, we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.

*Hymn - "Take Me to the Water"

Epistle Lesson - Acts 10:34-43

Linda Boston

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer and Blessing

Rev. Fisk

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*Doxology

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 3:13-17

Carolyn Lowry

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem - "God So Loved the World" (Stainer)

Barbara Moore

Sermon - "Something Strange Beneath the Water"

Dr. Matthew Tennant

Meditation

Barbara Moore

Invitation

Dr. Tennant

If you are interested in joining University Baptist Church or speaking with a minister, please come forward as we sing our final hymn.

*Hymn - "Baptized in Water"

*Benediction

Dr. Tennant

*Postlude - "The Old Year Has Passed Away; We Thank Thee, God, for Keeping Us Through the Year" (J.S. Bach)

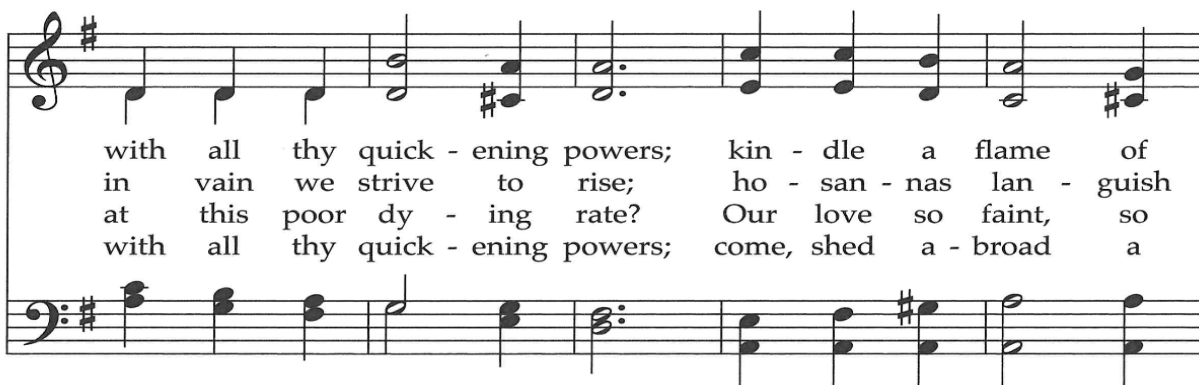
Barbara Moore

** Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,
 2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs;
 3 Dear Lord, and shall we ev - er live
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,



with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of
 in vain we strive to rise; ho - san - nas lan - guish
 at this poor dy - ing rate? Our love so faint, so
 with all thy quick - ening powers; come, shed a - broad a



sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
 on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
 cold to thee, and thine to us so great!
 Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

In contrast with many hymns to the Holy Spirit, this one is notable for being in the plural, a valuable reminder that the Holy Spirit has been bestowed on the whole Church, not just on a few individuals. The tune was composed for "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (no. 629).

Take Me to the Water



1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -



ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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OLD HUNDREDTH
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Baptized in Water

We were therefore buried with him through baptism — Romans 6:4 NIV

Unison

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the

blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing His
tomb with Christ, our King; One with His ris - ing, Freed and for -
sign of Christ, our King; Born of one Fa - ther, We are His

prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

WORDS: Michael Seward, 1932-

MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic; arr. Mark Hayes, 1953-

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