

Mt. Zion United Church of Christ

Baptism of Christ

10:30AM

Guiding Stars: Nurture & Affirmation

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Baptized in Water

by Stevens

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: Beloved siblings, today we recall: Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

All: In baptism, our Creator claims us and frees us from the power of hatred and death.

One: In baptism we are joined to Christ and we are joined together in unity, recalling

All: “There is no longer Jew or Greek there is no longer slave or free there is no longer male or female for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”

One: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of divine love. It is the mark of acceptance into the church and the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

All: Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates.

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN NO. 326 (black hymnal, see p. 3)

Crashing Waters at Creation

TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: We confess we are baptized in the name of the Triune God, Source of Love, Love Incarnate, and Love’s Power. And yet we fail to love. Though we were created for love, taught how to love by our Savior, and inspired to love everyday through the persistent voice of the in-dwelling Spirit, we fall short. We ignore the suffering. We disregard the needy. We close ourselves off in fear and resentment. Merciful God remind us of our callings. Love us back into loving one another and loving Creation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2056 (TFWS, v. 3, see p. 3)

God is So Good

ALL SING: God loves me so, God loves me so, God loves me so, God’s so good to me.

SUNDAY SONGS

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE (read by Maggie Stine)

Mark 1:4-11

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 168 (black hymnal, see p. 4, vs. 1-3)

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Tori Everhart

Karen Gibbs

Tammy Gordon

Cindy Hogentogler

HYMN NO. 168 (black hymnal, see p. 4, v. 4)

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sin 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.

CLOSING HYMN NO. 322 (black hymnal, see p. 5)

Take Me to the Water

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thanks Be to Thee

Thank you to Maggie Stine for reading scripture this morning. Thank you to Dave Beyer, Ron Miles, & John Schriver for serving on the tech team and thank you to Braden Bicher for leading the hymns.

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Crashing Waters at Creation

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion or - dered by the
2. Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives
3. Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the
4. Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing. quench the thirst and

4

Spir - it's breath, First to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning
passed on through, Wash - ing off the chains of bon - dage,
One fore - told, O - pened to re - veal the glo - ry
flood the soul. Well - spring, Source of life e - ter - nal,

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from the bright - ness of night's death.
chan - nel to a life made new.
ev - er new and ev - er old.
drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

God is So Good

$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano

1. God loves me so, God loves me so,

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God loves me so, God's so good to me.

O Radiant Christ Incarnate Word

Piano $\text{♩} = 80$



1. O ra - diant Christ, in - car - nate
2. Our bar - tered, bus - y lives burn
3. Your glo - ry shone at Jor - dan's
4. O Light of Na - tions, fill the

3



Word, e - ter - nal love re - vealed in time: Come, make your
dim, too tired to care, too numb to feel. Come, shine up -
stream, the font where we were born a - new. At - tune your
earth; our faith and hope and love re - new. Come, lead the

6



home with - in our hearts, that we may
- on our shad - owed world: your ra - diance
church to know you near; il - lu - mine
peo - ples to your peace, as stars once

8



dwelt in light sub - lime.
bathes with power to heal.
all we say and do.
led the way to you.

Take Me to the Water

♩ = 80

Piano

1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the
 2. None but the righ - teous, none but the
 3. I love Je - sus, I love
 4. Je - sus is my Sav - ior, Je - sus is my

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wa - ter, take me to the wa -
 righ - teous, none but the righ -
 Je - sus, I love Je -
 Sav - ior, Je - sus is my Sav -

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- ter to be bap - tized.
 - teous shall see God.
 - sus, yes, I do.
 - ior for - ev - er more.