



Valley United Methodist Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 9, 2022

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

* means please stand as you are able
bold words are your part; regular print is the leader

Gathering Music

Kings Come Calling

Mansfield

The Star Proclaims the King is Here

Pachelbel

I Love Thee, O Lord, With All My Heart

J.S. Bach

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Why have you come here?

We seek the cleansing waters of baptism.

We seek to be cleansed by the fire of baptism.

What do you hope to find?

We seek God's forgiveness.

We long for right relationship with our Lord.

Well, then, open yourselves up.

Listen for the voice of God calling to your soul.

Listen for the whisper of Spirit touching your heart.

**We will listen to all that God wants to say to us.
We are here to be made whole.**

Abingdon Worship Annual 2007 & 2016, 7 & 11, adapted

*Opening Hymn *Spirit of God* (FWS 2117), stanzas 1, 4-5

1-Spirit of God, bright Wind,
breath that bids life begin,
blow as you always do;
create us anew.

Give us the breath to sing,
lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.

Refrain: Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

4-Spirit of God, bright Flame,
send us in your holy name,
the power to heal,
to share your love everywhere.

We cannot fail or fall,
or know defeat at all,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.

Refrain: Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

5-Spirit of God in all,
we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings,
the power of your wings.

Born of your grace we rise,
love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.

Refrain: Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

*Opening Prayer

**Loving and caring God,
you call us out of the waters, out of the fire,
and through the breath of the Spirit.
You call us to know we are beloved,
and to let this knowledge shape our worship, and our lives.
We open ourselves to your presence with us,
trusting you, that we might receive your Spirit,
so that the world will know we are yours. Amen.**

Abingdon Worship Annual 2016, 11-12, adapted

*Peace The peace of Christ is with you.
 And also with you.

Time with Children

Gospel Reading Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Message Baptized with What?

Anthem *Down to the River to Pray* (arr. Sheldon Curry) Choir

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant UMH 50 or
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/book-of-worship/the-baptismal-covenant-iv>

Response *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (UMH 420), stanzas 1 & 3

1-Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

3-Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Time of 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 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.

Sung Offering *If ye love Me, keep My Commandments* (by Thomas Tallis) Choir

Time of Offering **Beloved God, bless these gifts
with your loving presence.
Bless our very lives with your Holy Spirit,
that we may be signs of your mercy and grace in the world.
In your loving Spirit, we pray. Amen.** *Abingdon Worship Annual 2019, 15*

Closing Hymn *At the Font We Start Our Journey* (FWS 2114), stanzas 1-2, 4

1-At the font we start our journey,
in the Easter faith baptized;
doubts and fears no longer blind us,
by the light of Christ surprised.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hope held out and realized.

2-At the pulpit we are fashioned
by the Easter tale retold
into witnesses and prophets,
by the power of Christ made bold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Faith proclaimed, yet still untold.

4-At the door we are commissioned,
now the Easter victory's won,
to restore a world divided
to the peace of Christ as one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter's work must still be done.

Benediction

Postlude *Glory to the New-Born King* Ritter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar: Week of January 9 – January 16

Today, January 9	9:00 a.m.	Worship In Person and LiveStream
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	3:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts-Fellowship Hall
Monday, January 10	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday, January 11	10:30 a.m.	Anti-Racism Group
	5:00 p.m.	Mission Team Planning Meeting
Wednesday, January 12	4:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	6:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday, January 13	7:00 p.m.	Thursday Exhale
Sunday, January 16		Human Relations Day
	9:00 a.m.	Worship In Person and LiveStream
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages

Serving us today: Bonnie Constant and Marilyn Hanson, Ushers; Shelby Tipling, Song Leader and Choir Director; Kim Tyrrell and Sherry Robinson, Nursery attendants; Carolyn Lancaster and Marilyn Hanson, Fellowship; Jaci Vega and Zeke Vega, Tech team; and Starr Himes, Livestream Greeter.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for snacks to say FAREWELL to Shelby Tipling who will be moving soon to Pennsylvania. We have been so blessed to have Shelby with us for these few weeks!

Thursday EXHALE: Our new worshipful gathering on Thursday evenings launched this past week. It's a time to gather in a worshipful way that looks very different from our regular worship service. Take a minute to consider whom you might invite to join in this time to pause, to breathe, and to get re-grounded in the Word, prayer, and connection.

Mission Team Planning Meeting: We invite you to join our Valley UMC Mission Team. We will meet on Tuesday, January 11 at 5:00 p.m. with dinner provided as we plan our giving projects for 2022. There are so many needs it is hard to prioritize them at times so your input is appreciated. Questions...Contact Rusty Lewis: rustylewis372@gmail.com.

Share What You Can: We want to remind you to start purchasing the daily items listed on our calendar and put in a bag. Bring the bag to church each Sunday and leave it on the designated table. (You can also bring to the church during the week, Monday-Thursday, 9am – 3pm and leave inside the lower doors.) At the end of the month, we will deliver all the items to DMARC. In lieu of food items, a cash donation can be made by writing a check to VUMC with DMARC on the memo line. ***Please "Share What You Can" to help fill the pantries!***

