

Washington Street United Methodist Church

OUTDOOR SERVICE

January 10, 2021

Celebrating the Baptism of the Lord

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: **ALL:** where there is hatred, let me sow love;

ONE: where there is injury, pardon;
ALL: where there is doubt, faith;
ONE: where there is despair, hope;
ALL: where there is darkness, light;

ONE: where there is sadness, joy.

ALL: O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to

console,

ONE: to be understood as to understand,

ALL: to be loved as to love.

ONE: For it is in giving that we receive,

ALL: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

ONE: and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. *

HYMN 397 I Need Thee Every Hour NEED

(vs. 1, 3)

1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain: I need Thee, oh, I need Thee; every hour I need Thee;

Oh, bless me now, my Savior! I come to thee.

3. I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain. (*Refrain*)

Words: Annie S. Hawks, 1872; Music: Robert Lowry, 1873

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you that you are with us in the chaos. You give us light and order and show us the truth. When we don't know where to turn, we can follow your light. Lord, guide us toward peace and justice. Fill us with your Spirit that we may be a beacon of light to a dark, unsettled, hurting world. Embolden us to follow the way of Jesus in all that we say and do. In His precious name we pray. Amen.

THE LESSON Genesis 1:1-5

SOLO Spirit of God Steve Garnaas-Holmes Yasmin Bradshaw, soprano; Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

PROCLAMATION God in the Midst of Chaos Rev. Lippert

HYMN 377 It Is Well with My Soul VILLE DU HAVRE (vs. 1,2)

- 1. When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. *Refrain:* It is well with my soul, it is well with my soul.
- Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul. (*Refrain*)

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

HYMN 529 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

(vs. 1-3)

- How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

Words: "K" in Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; Music: Early USA melody; harm. from Tabor, 1866

BENEDICTION

*Peace Prayer of St. Francis

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We welcome all of you to this time of worship. In these strange times we are sharing God's word and witness in new ways. We welcome old friends and new in the name of Jesus Christ. Please join us again here in this space on *Sunday*, *January 24*.

The Staff, members and friends of Washington Street United Methodist Church are deeply grateful to Dr. Dwight Dockery for his leadership as Director of Music; and his wife, Shelley Maddox, as she has served as one of our devoted Choral Scholars. Dwight is beginning a full-time position at First United Methodist Church in Maryville, Tennessee next week. We send them with our prayers and best wishes in this new ministry setting.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Rev. Parrish joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Suzanne Joye in the passing of her former husband, Barry Joye, father of Laurin Brooks and Derek Joye.

FLOWERS

The flowers used in today's service are given in loving memory of Don Fowler by the Active Faith Small Group.

PRAYER LIST

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