

Welcome and Announcements

Ellen White

Centering Bell

Music to Prepare Our Hearts

Elizabeth Tomboulion

Call to Worship

“Some Go to Church to...”

by Job Elletson

*Song of Praise

“Down by the Jordan”

Projected

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**Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!
Surely God's new day is rising!"**

**There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"
"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I
Judges and offers salvation."**

**Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!
Your work began in those waters.**

**Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?
This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"
Let's take the good news and share it!**

A Season of Prayer

Invitation to Prayer

A Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

Prayers of the People

L: Lord, in your mercy

P: Hear our prayer!

The Lord's Prayer

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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!

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

L: This is the word of God for the people of God

P: Thanks be to God!

Song of Preparation

“Spirit of the Living God”

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Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

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Message

“Why Are You Here?”

Rev. Sharon Pajak

A Celebration of Vision, Mission and Leadership

Kay Faris

Song of Response

“The Song of Hope”

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May the God of hope go with us every day,

Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace;

Singing, share our joy with all;

Working for a world that's new,

Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

We Share Our Gifts

Invitation to Giving

Song During Offering

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***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise him all creatures here, below,

Praise him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)**

God of the water that cleanses us, the land that feeds us, and the air that allows us to breathe your Spirit in and out of us; you claim us in our baptism, but too few of us even remember our own baptism. And if we remember (or imagine) our baptism, we too rarely grasp its meaning and power. As we present our tithes and offering in worship and witness Christ's baptism once again, may we remember

that in that water we were, like Christ, commissioned to go: to teach, preach, heal, and even to take up a cross. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Commitment** “Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine”
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**Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,
in a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;
Give up ourselves, thru Jesus' power, his name to glorify;
and promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.**

**The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;
we will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.
We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow;
and if thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.**

**Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,
present with thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;
to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,
and register our names on high and keep us to that day!**

*Blessing

*Music for Going Forth

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