

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Prelude

Fugue and Harmonization on "St. Anne"

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Introit

Take Me to the Water Chancel Choir

African American Spiritual

W & S 3165

Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Down by the Jordan

W & S 3045

- 1. 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!"
- 2. 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."
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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!"

Blessing for Children

Prayers of the People

A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying. Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.

Pastoral 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 tresspasses, 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.

Prayer Response

Amen

Arr. Donald Moore

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17 (CEB)

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?"

Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness."

So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem Down to the River to Pray Southern USA Folk Song

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Message The Water's Fine Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

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† **Doxology** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

Prayer of Confession

All: Gentle Spirit, Holy Dove, reclaim us through the waters of our baptism. As we long

to be more than we have become, remake us through the power of your love. In our yearning to taste the fullness of life, restore us through the wonder of your grace. In our desire to live as your beloved children, make us instruments of your kingdom building, that we may be a light to the nations, and a source of hope to those who

sit in darkness. Amen.

One: Listen to the voice that calls forth creation, claims Jesus at his baptism and speaks to us still:

"You are my beloved; receive the Holy Spirit." Rest in this assurance and live in the Spirit. In

the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

UMH 605

- Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
 Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
 Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
 Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
- 2. We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
- 3. O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

† Benediction

Postlude Postlude in D

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