

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*) Please stand as you are able.

(UMH) is the United Methodist Hymnal (blue).

(TFWS) is The Faith We Sing songbook (black).

CHIMES

MORNING GREETING

L: The Voice of God prods our hearing, and the activity of God stretches our seeing. Together they invite us down into the waters of life where the Spirit flows. May we rise to go, to dare, to walk, and to serve beyond where we have been before.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVITATION TO WORSHIP

L: Christ's light is shining.

P: Christ's presence is all around us.

L: Christ's peace calls us forward.

P: Christ's light is shining with justice and hope. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry - TFWS # 2051 (v. 1-7)

*GREETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST

ANTHEM

Wade in the Water (arr. Roger Emerson) - Fire Within Us

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS & CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER (UNISON)

Spirit of God, descend upon us this day. Bless us with your presence, that we may know you more fully and bless others with your love and grace. Guide us on this covenant journey that we may bring sight to the blind and release to the captives. Renew us with the breath of new life that we may live as children of love and seekers of justice. We pray these things as we come to our time of silent prayer . . .

SILENT PRAYER

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 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized (Michael Helman) - Chancel Choir

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit - UMH # 334 (Sing 2x)

SERMON

The Water's Fine - Rev. Scott Andrews

OFFERING (Offertory Sentence)

L: 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.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Baptized in Water - TFWS # 2248 (v. 1-3)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Participating in the Service Today

Music Director: Anna DeMichele

Pianist: Jamie Dyer

Liturgist: Brian Fisk

Preaching: Rev. Scott Andrews

Organist: Jamie Dyer

Guitarist: Ashley Ventri

Audio/Visual Tech: Cameron Wilkinson



Sunday, January 8, 2023

THE WATER'S FINE

Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSV)

California Heights United Methodist Church

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GROW

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

~ John 3:13-17 ~

Notes:

PRAY

Dorothy Anderson
Meldene Brown
Cynthia Ching
Betsy Crawford
Erica Cummings
Nicole Cummings
Anna DeMichele
Mary Dickson
Bonnie Elsten
Jackie Freeman
Ken Fry
Mark Goodrich
Hannah Gough
Jennifer Gray
Lola Green
Helen Hagan
Paige Hardin
Phyllis Hart
Sage Holzhauer
Baby Jessica
Lilly Mendoza

Robert Miller
Susan Monell
Beverly Nixon
Gladys Oswell
Thirza Pearce
Sylvia Polinski
Tommy Story
Debbie Wallace
Dorothy Wallace
The Weimer family
Lynn & Linda Williams
Marilyn Wissler

All Military Members
Long Beach Firefighters
People of Ukraine
Those Traveling
COVID Patients
Cal-Pac Leadership Team
Cal Heights Leadership Team

STUDY

Monday - John 1:35-51

Tuesday - Matthew 9:9-13

Wednesday - Luke 9:23-27

Thursday - Matthew 10:34-42

Friday - John 10:22-30

Saturday - Matthew 11:25-30

Sunday - Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42