

**WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST SUNDAY**

*January 10, 2021 Eleven o'clock in the morning*

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*Whoever YOU are and wherever YOU are on life's journey,  
YOU are welcome here in this church!*

PRELUDE *Gaelic Morning*

Dan Forrest

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning of ordered creation

**ALL: The earth was a formless void**

One: Darkness swept over the waters

**ALL: And through the Word, the Spirit  
God created day and night**

**Seas and dry land**

**And all that is**

One: Out of the water came life

And out of the water comes hope

And out of the water comes promise

And out of the water blessing

And baptism

**ALL: We come this day to remember**

**To give thanks**

**For our baptisms**

One: Hear again these words:

**ALL: Blessings upon us, children of God**

**Disciples of Christ, and members and friends of the church**

One: Come, let us worship our God.

HYMN *Crashing Waters at Creation*

Sylvia G. Dunstan

Christian F. Witt

1. Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion or - dered by the  
2. Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives  
3. Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the  
4. Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and

Spir - it's breath, First to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning  
passed on through, Wash - ing off the chains of bond - age  
One fore - told, O - pened to re - veal the glo - ry  
flood the soul. Well - spring, Source of life e - ter - nal,

from the bright - ness of night's death.  
chan - nel to a life made new.  
ev - er new and ev - er old.  
drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**ALL:** Gracious One, we come before you to acknowledge our failure in living out our baptismal promises. We promised to love and follow you, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice. To be witnesses of your love in the world. Too often we turn our heads and hide our eyes from injustice. We have spoken words that have hurt those we love. We have even acted in ways that are not loving. Forgive us our failures, help us to open our hearts and to remember our baptisms so that we might better love and serve you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION (*30 seconds of silence is observed for silent confession*)

# KYRIE *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## OUR ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

### THE GLORIA PATRI

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

HYMN *Down by the Jordan*

Carolyn Winfrey-Gillette

1. Down by the Jor - dan a proph - et named John was bap - tiz -  
 2. There by the riv - er, the crowd came with great ex - pect - a -  
 3. Je - sus, you went to be bap - tized a - long with the oth -  
 4. Here in the Church, we are bap - tized and filled with God's Spir -

6  
 ing,  
 tion:  
 ers,  
 it.  
 Preach - ing a mes - sage the peo - ple found bold and sur -  
 "Are you God's Cho - sen One, sent here to re - cue our  
 Tak - ing your place a - mong sin - ners, God's lost sons and  
 Freed and for - giv - en, we're wel - comed with joy! Can you

11  
 pris - ing:  
 na - - - tion?"  
 daugh - ters.  
 hear it?  
 "God will for - give!  
 "No!" John re - plied.  
 Then with great love,  
 This is God's sign!  
 Show that you'll  
 "He who is  
 God's Spir - it  
 This is how

16  
 change how you live!  
 might - ier than I  
 came as a dove!  
 God says, "You're mine!"  
 Sure - ly God's new day is ris - ing!"  
 Judg - es and of - fers sal - va - tion."  
 Your work be - gan in those wa - ters.  
 Let's take the good news and share it!

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

One: This is the word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Carol Hallman

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH

All: We believe in You, O God, the Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by Your righteous will, declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, and reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servant in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world, and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto You. Amen.

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: May the Spirit of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

## THE PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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 *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

*pp Devoutly*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;". The second system also has two staves. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN." The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support throughout.

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN.

## INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River?*

arr. Tim Doran

## BLESSING

HYMN *O Love How Deep*



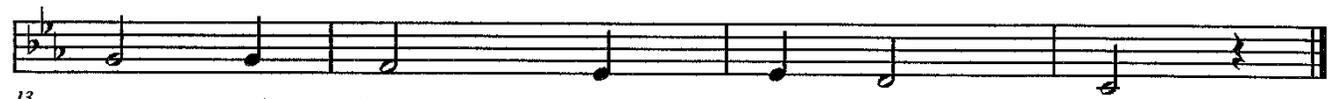
1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high, it  
For us bap - tized, for us he bore his  
3. For us he prayed; for us he taught; for  
4. All glo - ry to our Lord and God for



5 fills the heart with ec sta sy, that  
ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore, for  
us his dai - ly works he wrought; by  
love so deep, so high, so broad: the



9 God, the Son of God, should take our  
us temp - ta - tion sharp he knew; for  
words and signs and ac - tions thus still  
Trin - i - ty whom we a - - - dore, for -



13 mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
us the tempt - - er o - ver - - threw.  
seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
ev - er and for - ev - er - - - more.

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THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ciacona*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Assisting in Worship

*Rev. Carol Hallman*, Resident Pastor

*Dr. Phillip Burgess*, Choir Director *Susan Trivette*, Organist

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Mary Austin, Mabel Barnhardt, Brenda Bernhardt, Betty Bowles (mother of Steve Bowles), Destony Bowles, Steve Bowles, Julia Callaway, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Sarah Hall (friend of Bobbie Troutman), Gary Hauze (no visits or phone calls, please), Harry & Nancy Hipp, Dawn Isenberg, Anne Kennedy, Johnnie Lippard (friend of Steve Bowles), Diane Lockhart (Radell Lockhart's mother), Dan Morgan (friend of Steve Bowles), Joseph Najarian (son of Dena & David Najarian), Pat Norris, Donna Odrosky, Flo Peck, Savannah Price (Larry Bolick's nephew's granddaughter), Glenda Shrewsbury, Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Crystal Smith (niece of Bobbie Troutman), Nick Snipes, family of Shirley Trexler, Donnie Troutman, Jeff Watson (Larry Bolick's nephew), John and Sandy Wagoner, Waylon Ward. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or deleted from our prayer list, be sure and let the office know. If you have prayer concerns, please text, call or email Pastor Carol.***

**Today, January 10**

4:00 p.m. .... Property Committee Meeting  
5:00 p.m. .... Zoom Check-In

**Wednesday, January 13**

5:30 p.m. . .... E.C. Board  
6:30 p.m. .... Online Bible Study

**Thursday, January 14**

6:00 p.m. . .... Finance Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. .... Mission Committee Meeting

**Sunday, January 17**

12:30 p.m. .... Church Council Meeting

A reminder that as we are still only meeting online, please don't forget to drop your offering in the mail (207 W. Horah Street, Salisbury, 28144), send through your online banking system, or donate through paypal (there is a link for paypal donations on our website). We continue to need your gifts even when you are not here in person.

Please also remember 5-Alive donations. Your contributions with a notation for the 5-Alive Fund are always needed and appreciated. Giving to the 5-Alive Fund is helpful at any time and is used to help those in our church and without our community.