

Baptism of our Lord
January 8, 2023



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song – “Down by the Riverside”

Down by the Riverside

Lively (♩ = $\frac{3}{4}$)

African American Spiritual

D7 G Am7 D7

Gon - na

mf

G

lay down my sword and shield— down by the riv - er - side,—
 join hands with ev - 'ry - one,— down by the riv - er - side,—

D7 G

down by the riv - er - side,— down by the riv - er - side.— Gon-na lay down my
 down by the riv - er - side,— down by the riv - er - side.— Gon-na join hands with

D7

sword and shield— down by the riv - er - side,— and stud - y — war no
 ev - 'ry - one,— down by the riv - er - side,— and stud - y — war no

G C G

more. } I ain't gon-na stud-y war no more,— I ain't gon-na stud-y war no more.,
more. }

D7 C D7 G G7

stud - y war no more. I ain't gon-na

C G Em D7

stud - y war no more,— I ain't gon-na stud-y war no more,— stud - y—

1 G 2 G

war no more.— Gon-na more.—

Welcome

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: (Vs. 1 of "Down by the Riverside")

Children's Time

MADE FOR LOVE

Hans Peterson
Larry Olson
Mary Olson

(guitar: capo 3)

F(D) *Gm7/F(Em7)*

We've been mold - ed by the Cre - a - tor's hand. Here in

F/A (D/F#) *Bb(G)* *C(A)* *Dm7(Bm7)*

Je - sus we have grace to stand. Moving by the

Am7(F#m7) *Gm7(Em7)* *C(A)* *F(D)* *Fine* *Csus(Asus)* *C(A)*

Spir - it, we are made for love.

F(D) *Dm7(Bm7)*

Sun and star - light, spark - ling wa - ters, morn - ing
In the wa - ter's ho - ly bless - ing, Spir - it
Live out jus - tice, treas - ure kind - ness, jour - ney

Gm7(Em7) *C(A)* *Am7(F#m7)*

birds that ser - e - nade, in the i - mage of the
com - ing like a dove, we're a wit - ness to the
hum - bly ev - 'ry - day. We are called here in - to

Dm7(Bm7) *Eb(C)* *C(A)*

Mak - er we are won - der - ful - ly made.
won - der; we are loved and so we love.
ser - vice, a for - giv - ing, lov - ing way.

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from The Gospel of Matthew chapter 3 verses 13-17.

(Reader): Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying,

(Side 1): "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

(Reader): But Jesus answered him,

(Side 2): "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness."

(Reader): 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,

(ALL): "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon in Song – Pastor Hans Peterson, Hanna Tjoflat

Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: Lord, in your mercy:

*And you are invited to respond: **Hear our prayer.***

Offering

Worship Leader: *Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office.*

Offering Song – “Baptized in Water”

Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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The Feast

Setting the Table *the children lead us as we sing together:*

O Come Lord Jesus be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blest. All praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.

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 and ever. Amen.**

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth.

So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song: "We are Baptized in Christ Jesus"

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker
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Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.


The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.


Purpose Sightings:

MILESTONES! – “You have come down to the Lakeshore”
*It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a
community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our
life.*


Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, mehas mi - ra - doa los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind-ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom-bre. En laa - re - na he de - ja - do mi
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a-ban-doned my



bar - ca; jun - toa ti bus-ca - ré o - tro mar.
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

Final Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us ✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: "Your River O God"

YOUR RIVER O GOD

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

(guitar: capo 2)

Refrain

E (D) E/G# (D/F#) A (G) B (A) E (D)

Your riv - er, O God, is full of wa - ter, wa - ter a -

E/G# (D/F#) A (G) B (A) C#m (Bm) B (A)

live with jus - tice and grace. Your riv - er, O God, it

A (G) B (A) A (G) E/G# (D/F#) A (G)

flows with mer - cy for ev' - ry child through ev' - ry

B (A) E (D) E/G# (D/F#) A (G) B (A)

time and place.

Verse

A (G) E (D) A (G)

Ev' - ry birth on this earth speaks the
Come and hear all who fear, you are
As we grow may we know waves of

E (D) F#m (Em)

mys - ter - y. Ev' - ry heart,
not a - lone. Come and see,
hope sur - round. As we live

E/G# (D/F#) A (G) B (A) to Refrain

from the start, light for all to see.
be set free, rest here in your home.
may we give love that has no bounds.

Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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