



Baptist: Baptism, Conversion, and Scripture

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PRELUDE/ COUNTDOWN  
PRAISE SONGS  
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Pastor  
WELCOMING OF GUESTS  
Pastor  
PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: I lift my eyes up to the mountains, from where does my help come?

**Congregation: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Liturgist: We look not to the mountains or valleys, even heaven or earth.

**Congregation: For God is found among us.**

Liturgist: Wherever two or three are gathered in Christ's name.

**Congregation: God is here among us.**

Liturgist: Come, let us worship the God of Creation, the God of People, the God of Community.

**Congregation: Let us follow Jesus, for Jesus is The Way.**

Liturgist: Let us worship together in faith.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE  
UMH #723

*Shall We Gather at the River (v. 1-4)*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended to Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the

quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

See screen

*\*Please stand as you are able*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 2:16-17 (NKJV)

Liturgist

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; <sup>17</sup> "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for coming to give your life as payment in full for my sin. I gratefully accept your gift of eternal life in my home in heaven. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

Liturgist

For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

MISSION MOMENT

## PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Pastor

*If you have a prayer need or praise that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out a card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect the cards during the song and pray over the cards at the chancel rail.*

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Baptized in Water (v. 1-3)*

CEL #465

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON ANTHEM

*River in Judea*

Choir

## SERMON

Pastor

Title: "Christianity's Family Tree: Baptist (Baptism, Conversion, and Scripture)"

Theme: Denominations within the Christian Faith

Purpose: To understand that the various forms of worship within the various denominations of Christianity should not be seen or used as a divisive measure within Christendom.

## RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Compassionate Creator, in our communal life, may our actions, love, and giving reflect Christ's presence within us. Help us live in a way that displays Christ's life in us, showcasing love, respect, and hospitality. As we share and give, may it reflect not only on us but

also glorify Jesus. Guide us in honoring one another and celebrating our commitments as part of our faith. In gratitude, abundance, and equity, we present these offerings, believing that sharing Christ is the most loving act. In the name of Jesus, our rock and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* See screen

\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *When Jesus Came to Jordan* (v. 1-3) UMH #252

\*COMMISION / BENEDICTION

Pastor

(Based on John 3:16-17)

*Just as God's Word was sent into the world to heal and redeem, so God sends you into the world this day to be light and love, healing and hope. Go now to be light for the world! And may the grace and peace of God the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer come upon you this day and remain with you always...and all of God's children said...Amen.*

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love and Fellowship* See screen

## POSTLUDE

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Lynne Peters, his daughter, and Cathy Lee in celebration of their birthdays.*