



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day
 Stone Presbyterian Church
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation
 January 7, 2024 ~ The Baptism of the Lord



We Gather as the Baptized Community of Faith

PRELUDE

(Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ascribe to the LORD all glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

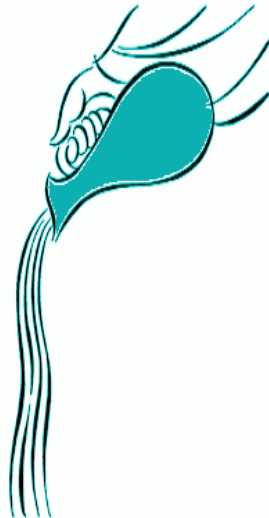
The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God.



+HYMN #494

“Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

RUSTINGTON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(first together, then in silent reflection)*

Merciful God, in baptism you promise a new beginning in forgiveness, making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.

We cling to destructive patterns, allow ourselves to be held hostage to harmful habits, and show reluctance to live the new life that was begun in our baptism. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from our sin. Remind us of the promises you make in our baptism, so that we may rise to new life and live together in joy and grace, honoring you, loving neighbors, and working for peace, justice and reconciliation; through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son. Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN #2275

“Kyrie”

(“Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.”)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY #578

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Listen for the Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(You are invited to say the concluding “amen” aloud.)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:1-5 The voice of the Lord is powerful.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 19:1-7 We are God’s children.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 1:4-11 Baptism of Jesus.
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**



Told by Donna Goodfriend

SERMON

“Holy What Now?”

We Renew Our Baptismal Faith Around the Table

+HYMN #492

“Baptized in Water”

BUNESSAN

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles’ Creed, Ecumenical Version, p. 14)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS AND CONCERNS

TITHES AND OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be 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 our thanks and praise.**



...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SINGING # 581:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

... and we proclaim to the world the good news of our salvation, singing:

SINGING #582:

Dying, you destroyed our death;

Rising, you restored our life.

Lord— Jesus, come— in glory.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional Version, *Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 16)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

(Please come forward by the center aisle to receive and partake the bread and individual cups, then return to your seat by the side aisles.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Out to Serve in the Name of Christ

+HYMN (insert)

“Passed Through the Waters”

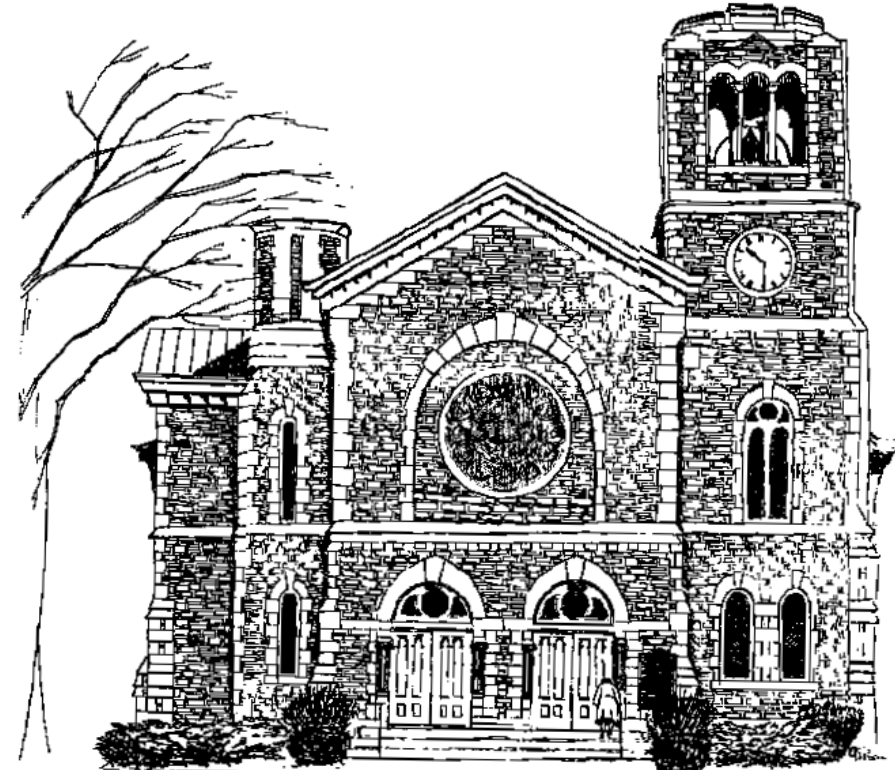
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+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

January 7, 2024 ~ The Baptism of the Lord ~10:30 a.m.



The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.

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Out of Deep, Unordered Water

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Fred Kaan, 1965

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1897

1. Out of deep, un - or - dered wa - ter God cre - at - ed light and land,
2. Wa - ter on the hu - man fore-head, Birth-mark of the love of God,
3. Stand - ing round the font re - minds us Of the He-brews' climb a - shore.

World of bird and beast and, lat - er, In God's im - age, wom - an, man.
Is the sign of death and ris - ing; Through the seas there runs a road.
Life is hal - lowed by the knowl - edge: God has been this way be - fore.

There is wa - ter in the riv - er Bring - ing life to tree and plant.

Let cre - a - tion praise its giv - er: There is wa - ter in the font.

Alternate tune: WEISSE FLAGGEN, 486

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Baptized in Water

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BUNESSAN 5.5.8.5.5.9

Michael A. Saward, 1981

Gaelic melody
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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 the
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 prais - es we sing.
giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

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Passed Through the Waters

ALI MAE 9.9.9.7.9.

Dennis Dewey, 1985, alt. 2007

Dennis Dewey, 1982

1. Passed through the wat - ers, safe to dry land, Jour - ney - ing on through the
2. We are a - dopt - ed as Christ's sib - lings, Seek - ing to live in the
3. Now we be - come a new cre - a - tion, Kin to the saints of the

wild - er - ness way, Tell - ing the sto - ry as we jour - ney,
way of the Lord, Seek - ing to show the truth of God's love,
house - hold of God, Sis - ter and broth - er in one fam' - ly,

This is our name now: "Bap - tized in Christ!" By this wat - er
Known as God's peo - ple, Bap - tized in Christ! Wat - er - Spir - it -
Named in the Spir - it: Bap - tized in Christ! Dead to death and

marked for life,
sealed for life, We are the Lord's for the age to come!
raised for life,