



January 10, 2021

GATHERING

Heather Hinton

GREETING

Darren Cushman Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diane Gattone

PRELUDE

Festive Gloria

A. Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to the waters

People: where God's grace flows freely.

OPENING HYMN #605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.

Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.

Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.

Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!

To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!

We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.

By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eric Lekberg

FIRST LESSON

Acts 19:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

O Blessed Spring

arr. M. Hayes
Mark Gilgallon

O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this lifegiving tree.

Through summer heat and youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.

As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our last return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing and trust the promise of the spring.

Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery:
that Word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Leader: Honor the Lord, you heavenly beings;
honor God's glory and strength.

**People: Honor the Lord for the glory of God's name.
Worship the Eternal One in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord echoes above the sea.
The God of glory thunders.

The Lord thunders over the mighty sea.

**People: The Lord rules over the floodwaters.
God reigns as our sovereign forever.**

HYMN OF PRAYER #2123

Loving Spirit

***Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be -
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.***

***Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.***

***Like a father you protect me, teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.***

***Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be -
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.**

DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.***

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sins?

People: I do.

Leader: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

People: I do.

Leader: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

People: I do.

Leader: According to the grace given to you,
will you remain a faithful members of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

People: I will.

Leader: Let us join together in profession of the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments:

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

At this time, present a pitcher, glass or bowl of water to God as we pray.

REAFFIRMATION AND CONFIRMATION

Leader: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

People: Amen.

[At this time, make the sign of the cross in the palms of your hands with water. Then, holds your hands palms upward.]

Leader: The Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

People: We give thanks for all that God has already given us.

**As members of the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church,
we will faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

HYMN OF DEDICATION # 723

Shall We Gather at the River

***Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

arr. R. Hobby

The white carnation on the altar is in celebration of the life of Elena Lea who passed away on Christmas Eve.

This week's worship leaders:
Darren Cushman Wood, *Senior Pastor*
Mark Gilgallon, *Director of Music*
Diane Gattone, *Pastor of Care & Nurture*
John Hague, Carol & Dick Tiller-Luchtman, *Audio Visual*
Heather Hinton, *Organist*
Eric Lekberg, *Liturgist*