



Tearing Apart the Heavens

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Midway United Methodist Church Order of Worship

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021, 10:30 AM

Song *All My Fountains*

Welcome and Greeting Rev. Brad Biggerstaff

Song *Holy Water*

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Biggerstaff

Offering

Song *What a Beautiful Name*

Scripture Mark 1:4-11

Message Rev. Jennifer Andone

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Sisters and brothers in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God's Spirit has been poured out upon the water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters to renew our commitments
in each other's presence to Christ who has raised us,
the Spirit who has birthed us,
and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?
We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin.

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?
We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races.

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood, you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water, call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ, we may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

All My Fountains

***This dry and desert land
I tell myself keep walking on
Hear something up ahead
Water falling like a song
An everlasting stream
Your river carries me home
Let it flow let it flow***

***A flood for my soul
A well that never will run dry
I've rambled on my own
Never believing I would find
An everlasting stream
Your river carries me home
Let it flow let it flow***

***Open the heavens
Come living water
All my fountains are in You
You're strong like a river
Your love is running through
All my fountains are in You***

***Come on and rain down on us
Rain down on us Lord***

***Open the heavens
Come living water
All my fountains are in You
You're strong like a river
Your love is running through
All my fountains are in You***

Song

Holy Spirit

Blessing

Rev. Andone

Holy Water

***God I'm on my knees again
God I'm begging please again
I need You
Oh I need You
Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need You
Oh I need You***

Chorus

***Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)***

Verse 2

***Dead man walking slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again
I need You
Oh God I need You
So take me to the riverside
Take me under baptize
I need You
Oh God I need You oh***

Bridge

***I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God I need it ev'ry day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change

Yeah it's like holy water on my skin
Oh it's like holy water***

What a Beautiful Name

***You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ***

***What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus***

***You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now***

***What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus***

***Death could not hold You; the veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again***

***You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names***

***What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus***

Holy Spirit

***There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence Lord***

***I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord***

***Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord***

***Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)***

***Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord***