

First Baptist Church at Worship

January 12, 2020

Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Gathering

Gathering Song

Come, Be Baptized

by Gary Alan Smith



Come as a child, come to the waters; to the family of God, come, sons and daughters.

Come to the river, the Lord, the life-giver; wash in the love that is sent from above. REFRAIN

Come as a child, come, sons and daughters, draw from the well life-giving waters.

Drink of the river, the Lord, the life-giver; feels how it pours out the life that is yours. REFRAIN

Greeting and Call to Worship

Phil Majors

O God, some of us are discouraged and long for Your embrace.

Wash us with Your love.

Some of us are weary, weighed down by the desperation of this world.

Wash us with Your hope.

Some of us are anxious and seek refuge from chaotic lives.

Wash us with Your peace.

Some of us are restless, yearning for renewal and transformation.

Wash us with Your grace.

Let us come to the waters of baptism.

Let us worship God.

+Hymn 299

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

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stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4

+Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

*... so that our words may reflect Your righteousness,
and that our deeds may be pleasing in Your sight. Amen.*

+Words of Assurance

*Beloved, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

+The Peace

Phil Majors

*The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

+Response

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

- David Gambrell

The Word

Children's Sermon

Lindsay Lowe

A Reading from Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9a

Paul Sims

*The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God*

+Psalm 29

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!
Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!
The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The name of God is wild and free, aw whirl in holy mystery. Alleluia, alleluia!
A secret wrapped in smoke and fire, still chanted by the temple choir:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

- David Gambrell, 21st century

A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 3:15-18, 21-22

Phil Majors

*The Gospel of our Lord
Thanks be to God*

Hymn

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

AURELIA

*Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on
From Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and slave,
But there within the river the sign was birth and grave.
Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;
It seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice:
"You are My own beloved, My child, My heart, My choice."
We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside the water again a voice is heard:
"You are My own, My chosen, beloved of your Lord."*

- Sylvia Dunstan

Sermon

"Why Baptism?"

Phil Majors

Responding

+Hymn 349

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

+Offertory Prayer

Paul Sims

Loose change received in January will benefit The White Flag Ministry.

Offertory Anthem

Be Not Afraid

by Craig Courtney

*Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you; be not afraid: I have called you by name.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are Mine, you are precious in My sight.
My love for you is everlasting, My love for you shall have no end.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
You are Mine, you are precious in My sight.*

- from Isaiah 43

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sending

+Sending Song *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* by Wendell Whalum

1. *I'm gonna live so God can use me, anywhere Lord, anytime;*
2. *I'm gonna work so God can use me,*
3. *I'm gonna pray so God can use me,*
4. *I'm gonna sing so God can use me,*

- African-American spiritual

+Commission and Blessing

Phil Majors

Organ Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

setting by John Innes

+all who are able may stand

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Gayle Majors, Organist

Ann Hacker, Pianist

The flowers that grace our sanctuary are given in memory of

Gary's parents, Leonard and Mildred Motz

Gary's brothers, Richard Motz and Dennis Motz (Gary's twin)

Our daughter, Michelle

Gwyn's mother, Martha Butcher

Gwyn's sisters, Diane Sluszinskis, Janice Moran, and Norma Viers

by

Gwyn and Gary Motz