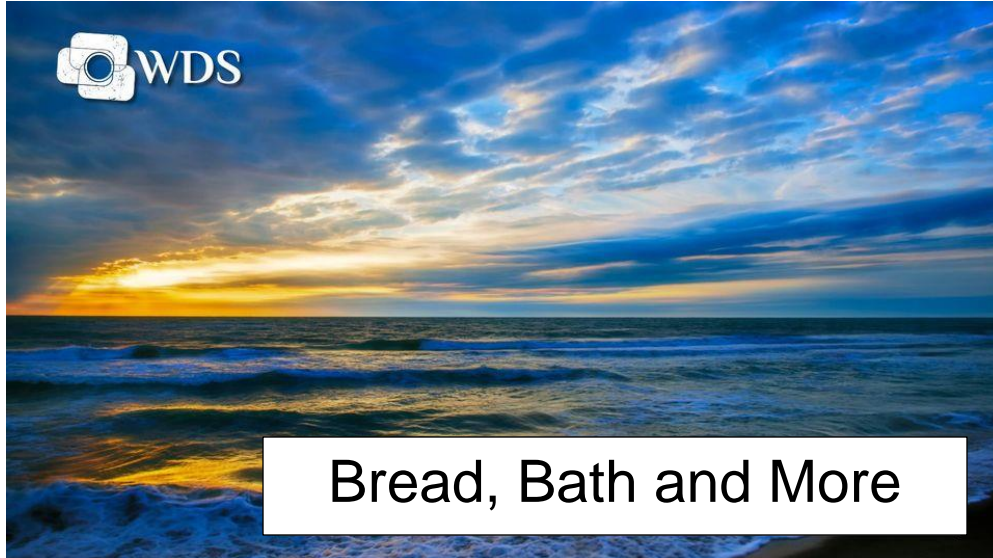


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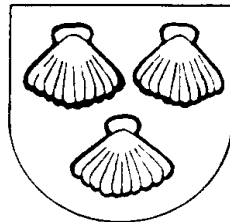
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“Becoming People of God: Bread, Bath & More”

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Invitation and Gathering

Prelude "Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine" (Variations on Melody by J. S. Bach) Alfred V. Fedak

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

"Down to the River to Pray"
As I went down to the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.
O sisters*, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.
Come on, sisters, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

W & S 3164

*vs. 2. brothers; vs. 3. fathers; vs. 4. mothers; vs. 5. sinners

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Call to Worship

Nancy Janson

In the beginning . . .
God.
In the beginning . . .
God's Spirit.
In the beginning . . .
God's Word.
In the beginning . . .
God's Light.
In the beginning . . .
a new day.
A new beginning for every day.
God's gift of creation.

Opening Prayer

Nancy Janson

**God of power and majesty, you call forth creation,
acting with strength and power.
We praise you, as we stand in awe of your glory.
You are mighty and powerful, and yet you care for us,
pouring your Spirit of love upon us,
recreating us for your work in the world.
You are at work in our midst, offering a new day of hope and possibility.
Open our hearts to the sound of your voice.
Send the power of your Spirit among us,
that we might become agents of your love and peace. Amen.**

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Yearning

God, we are so tired.

As we return to life without festive celebrations,
we long to avoid feeling let down or discouraged.

Teach us to listen for your gentle voice.

Help us awaken to the quiet stirrings of new life
in our hearts and in our communities.

As your children, called into being by your word,
remake and renew us, that we may follow you with joy. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace of Christ

*Opening Hymn

“This Is the Day of New Beginnings”

UMH 383

1. This is a day of new beginnings
Time to remember and move on
Time to believe what love is bringing
Laying to rest the pain that's gone

2. For by the life and death of Jesus
God's mighty Spirit now as then
Can make for us a world of difference
As faith and hope are born again

3. Then let us with the Spirit's daring
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment guilt and grieving
Seeking new paths and sure to find

4. Christ is alive and goes before us
To show and share what love can do
This is a day of new beginnings
Our God is making all things new

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Children's Moment

Donna Benson

Scripture

Genesis 1: 1-15; Mark 1: 4-11 (CEB)

Nancy Janson

Hymn

“When Jesus Came to Jordan” (vs. 1 &2)

UMH 252

1. When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptized by John
He did not come for pardon
But as the sinless one
He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins

2. He came to share temptation
Our utmost woe and loss
For us and our salvation
To die upon the cross
So when the dove descended
On Him, the Son of Man
The hidden years had ended
The age of grace began

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Message

“Becoming People of God: Bread, Bath & More”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Pastoral Prayer for Becoming

Rev. Patricia Abell

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant

Recognition of New Leadership

Offering

***Doxology**

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

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

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Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

UMH 9

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn**

“I’ve Just Come from the Fountain”

TFWS 2250

Refrain

I've just come from the fountain,
I've just come from the fountain, Lord,
I've just come from the fountain,
his name's so sweet. O Lord,
I've just come from the fountain,
I've just come from the fountain, Lord,
I've just come from the fountain,
his name's so sweet.

1. O brother, do you love Jesus?
Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.
Brother, do you love Jesus?
His name's so sweet. My Lord

Refrain

2. O sister, do you love Jesus?
Yes, yes I do love my Jesus.
Sister, do you love Jesus?
His name's so sweet. O Lord.

Refrain

3. O sinner, do you love Jesus?
Yes, yes I do love my Jesus.
Sinner, do you love Jesus?
His name's so sweet. O Lord.

Refrain

African American spiritual
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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

“A Carol for the New Year” Alfred V. Fedak

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*Please stand as able

Questions for Reflection

Read Matthew 25: 31-46: We move through different seasons of life as chapters in a book or scenes from a movie. Do you have a sense of what “chapter” you’re living in right now?
What beginnings or endings have you witnessed recently?

Read Mark 1: 4-11: What significance does baptism have for you?
If you have been baptized, what impact did that experience have on your faith journey?
Are there other ways that you feel a connection to Spirit beyond baptism?

Household Prayer: Morning

*God Beyond our Knowing and yet right here in our midst, draw us into your waters of renewal, feed our souls for the journey ahead into your vast horizon of possibility.
Guide us, Holy Spirit, Nudge us, Teacher Jesus. Love us, Holy One. Amen.*

Household Prayer: Evening

*Holy One, you stretched out the heavens and spread out the earth,
and in that context I give you this small day that I have lived.
Now may I sleep, safe and secure in your covenant promise to me
that I am your beloved child, in whom you are well pleased. Amen.*

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