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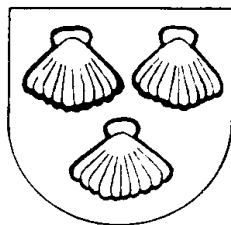
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**January 12, 2025
9:30 am**

“I Will Be With You” ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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Prelude “Shall We Gather at the River?” setting by Dale Wood **Offered by Clarice Snyder**

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Welcome

Rev. Patricia Abell

Gathering Song

“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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Call to Worship

Barbara Cook

One: Come to the waters.

ALL: We gather at the river.

One: Come to the waters.

ALL: The waters of grace flow over us.

ONE: Come to the waters.

ALL: We are washed in God’s love.

ONE: Come to the waters.

ALL: We are God’s beloved children.

Opening Prayer

Barbara Cook

God of strength, God of love, surround us with your love. Gather us in as your beloved children. Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our hearts to the power of your transforming love. May your waters of grace pour over us, renewing us for your work in the world. Bless us in this holy time. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

“Down to the River to Pray”

W & S 3164

1. 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.

*Please stand as able

Verse 2 * O brothers
Verse 3 * O fathers
Verse 4* O mothers
Verse 5 * O sinners

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Passing of the Peace

Barbara Cook

Children's Time

Tainya Clarke

Scripture

Isaiah 43: 1-7 (NRSVue)

Barbara Cook

(Sing a verse of "How Firm a Foundation" UMH 529 between responses.)

Our God, who created us and formed us, speaks:

*"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?"*

Don't fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee,
and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."*

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
The rivers won't sweep over you.

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."*

When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched
and flame won't burn you.

*"When through fiery trials
thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."*

You are precious in my eyes, you are honored,
and I love you.

*“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”*

Don’t fear; I am with you.

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Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSVue)

Response to the Word (Isaiah 43, Luke 3—based on UMC baptismal vows.)

**In the silence, God, we listen for your voice.
We hear you say, “Don’t be afraid,”
and we dare to resist evil, injustice, and oppression.
We hear you say, “You are my child,”
and we find courage to serve
as Christ’s representatives in the world.
We hear you say, “You are my beloved,”
and we live in joy, sharing your peace.
We hear you and we thank you for your gift of love.
Amen.**

Hymn

“He Is Exalted”

TFWS 2070

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name
He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

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Message

“I Will Be With You”

Rev. Patricia Abell

Prayer for God’s People, Church, & World

Barbara Cook

Response: Mothering Spirit, **stir us with your power.**

Lord’s Prayer

***Doxology**

“Gloria Patri”

UMH 71

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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Offering Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

“Take Me to the Water”

W & S 3165

1. Take me to the water,
Take me to the water,
Take me to the water
To be baptized.

2. None but the righteous,
None but the righteous,
None but the righteous,
Shall see God.

3. In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus
We shall be saved.

4. Glory, hallelujah,
Glory, hallelujah,
Glory, hallelujah,
To be baptized.

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Benediction

Rev. Patricia Abell

Postlude

“Wade in the Water” arr. by Calvin Taylor

Offered by Clarice Snyder

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Question for Reflection
How may I live in the power of the Holy Spirit this day?
What in my life is like chaff that the Holy Spirit burns away in order for me
to live as a free and faithful child of God?

Household Prayer: Morning
Loving God, we begin this new day in the sure knowledge
that you have claimed us as your children.
In all that we do, keep us mindful of actions that are pleasing in your sight.
In all that we say, make us attentive to the witness we give to your love.
Let our lives be an example to all whom we encounter, living as daughters and sons of God
who follow in the path of Jesus, our Lord and our brother.. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening
As evening comes and we end the labors of this day,
we thank you, Lord Jesus, that you have been our companion.
If we have disregarded your fellowship, forgive us.
Where we have strayed from your path, correct us.
Let us rest this evening as children of God,
sheltered in the love of those who belong to your holy family of grace. Amen.

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