

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, January 12, 2025, 10:30 a.m.
Baptism of the Lord

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Jesus Loves Me" (William B. Bradbury, arr. Melody Bober) - DeeAnn

Opening Sentences - Betty

Hymn 368: "Trust and Obey" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Betty

Anthem: "Ain't Got Time to Die" (Hall Johnson) - Barb/DeeAnn/Justin/Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn et al.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors) - Pastor Mark

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 - Rachel

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Sermon: "PERSPECTIVES ON BAPTISM" - Pastor Mark

Service of Baptism

Hymn 349: "Take My Life and Let It Be" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 579 (v. 1): "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" - DeeAnn et al.

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace: Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark & DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Betty Briggs, Rachel Gehres, Justin Stephens, Choir

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Introduction

We now celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in which God has called Jamie Keller to be a member of Christ's body. At the beginning of his ministry Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan. The Spirit descended upon him and a voice came from heaven: "This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests." His baptism found fulfillment in the cross where he gave himself for the life of the world. When God raised him from the dead, he said to his disciples: "Full authority in heaven and earth has been committed to me. Go therefore to all nations and make them my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teach them to observe all that I have commanded you. I will be with you always, to the end of time." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Baptism unites us to Christ and to all that God accomplishes for all people and all time. In baptism we are buried with Christ and are raised with him to new life; our sins are washed away, and we are brought into the covenant of grace; we receive the Spirit to equip us as members of Christ's body, the church.

The Promises

Jamie, you have come for baptism in response to the call of Christ. Let us hear, then, in the presence of God, and before the gathered church, that you confess your faith in Christ and promise to follow him. As a church we will also make our promises.

To the candidate:

Do you trust in Christ, renounce evil, and accept Christ's forgiveness for your sins? *Response: I do.*

Trusting in God's grace, will you strive to be faithful in public and private worship, and to share in the fellowship of Christ's church, God being your helper?

Response: I do.

Will you follow Christ and seek to do God's will all the days of your life?

Response: I do.

Will you trust in God's mercy to bring you into the fullness of the life that is to come? *Response: I do.*

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To the church:

Do you, as members of Christ's body and trusting in God's grace, promise to pray for Jamie, provide for the teaching of the gospel, and live a Christian life in the family of God? *Response:* **We do.**

The Baptismal Prayer

Eternal God and our loving Lord, in creation, your Spirit moved across the face of deep waters. You led your people through the waters of the Red Sea and across the river Jordan to the land of promise. By the life and death of your Son, you have given us the assurance that waters will flow from him for all nations. We pray now that Jamie, who is washed in this water and bathed in God's love, may be made one with Christ in his death, cleansed from all sin and delivered from all evil. Send your Spirit upon Jamie and all of your beloved children so we may live abundantly and be raised with Christ unto eternal life. Amen.

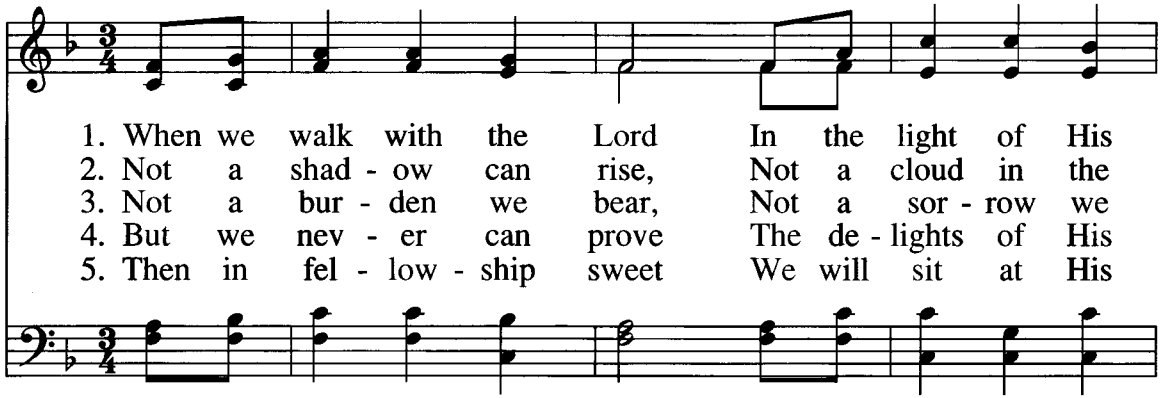
The Baptism

Jamie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

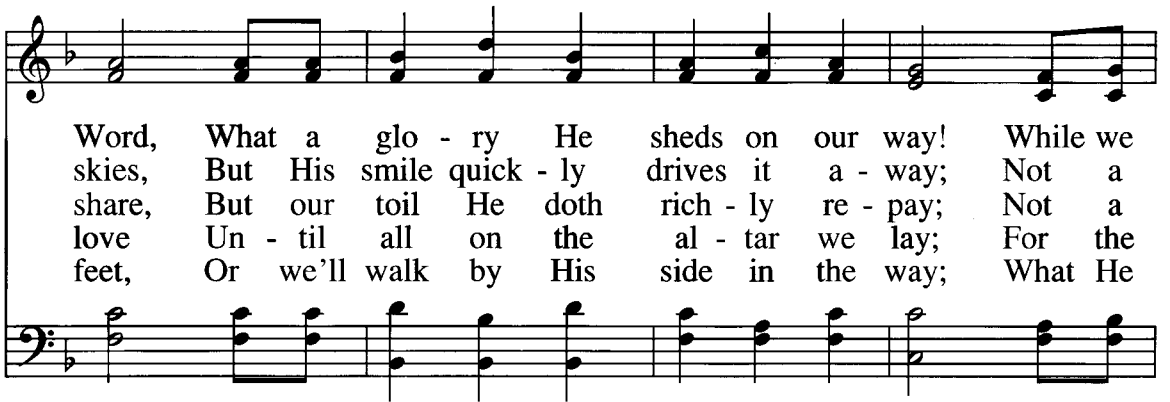
The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Prayer

Almighty God, we give you thanks for Jamie, who has been baptized today, for the grace of your acceptance and the promise of resurrection. Uphold and strengthen her for your service and keep her always true to Christ. Let your blessing rest continually upon us so that we who have been called to enter your kingdom, may now and always be faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His
 2. Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the
 3. Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we
 4. But we never can prove The delights of His
 5. Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His



Word, What a glory He sheds on our way! While we
 skies, But His smile quick-ly drives it a-way; Not a
 share, But our toil He doth rich-ly re-pay; Not a
 love Un-til all on the al-tar we lay; For the
 feet, Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He



do His good will He a-bides with us
 doubt nor a fear, Not a sigh nor a
 grief nor a loss, Not a frown nor a
 fa-vor He shows And the joy He be-
 says we will do, Where He sends we will



still, And with all who will trust and o-bey.
 tear, Can a-bide while we trust and o-bey.
 cross, But is blest if we trust and o-bey.
 stows Are for those who will trust and o-bey.
 go— Nev-er fear, on-ly trust and o-bey.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

Trust and o - bey— For there's no oth - er way To be
hap - py in Je - sus But to trust and o - bey.

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Trust and o - bey— For there's no oth - er way To be hap - py in Je - sus But to trust and o - bey." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

Lord, we look to You, our precious Savior, privileged to come before You in prayer. We face so many trials and temptations and You know our weaknesses in handling them. You feel our pain and share in our sorrows. When our earthly friends turn away, we can turn to You, our most faithful Friend of all. So many times, Lord, we have forfeited peace because we have not taken the time to place our troubles before You. When we ask You for help in bearing our sins and grief, You lift us from our discouragement. Let us never forget to take it to You in prayer. May we feel Your arms around us as You shield us from any harm that comes our way. We thank You for being our refuge and our strength. Amen.

Take My Life and Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817

1. Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse
 3. Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no
 4. Take my love: my Lord I pour At Thy feet its

Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days,
 of Thy love; Take my feet, and let them be
 long - er mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 treas - ure store; Take my - self, and I will be

Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
 Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee. A - men.