



Wilbraham United Church

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"I am the vine, you are the branches."

January 10, 2021

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10:00A.M

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Chip

GATHERING HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan vs. 1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Rev. Paul

Almighty God, we stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PSALTER

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple
all say, “Glory!”
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SONG OF PRAISE

*O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TORAH

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

CHURCH HISTORY

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

One: Our God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Pastor Chip

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Paul

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

PARTING HYMN

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life Vs. 1 & 6

BENEDICTION

Pastor Chip

MUSIC FOR SENDING FORTH

*Go now in peace, Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go.*

MINISTERING TO YOU TODAY

Senior Pastor: The Rev. Wallace A Hurd IV

Associate Pastor: The Rev. Paul Nesbit

Director of Music Ministries: Mark Jacobson

Technical and Artistic Director: Deb Trimble



Please Pray For:

Members of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Presbyterian Church in Springfield, the family of
Ellie Engle, Theresa Munn, Herb Vieira, Emily, Darcey, Terry, Denise, Ray, Theresa,
Jane Godfrey, Shey McAbee, Sharon McAbee, Nancy Schenk, Pam Burch, Patti Keiser,
Sue Pereira, Natalie True, Bev Sawyer, Kathie Birkhaeuser,.
The victims of violence and their families.
Our troops, our country and our world



“News for the Pews” for the Week of January 10, 2021

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This Week at Wilbraham United Church

Monday, January 11th

7 p.m. Reorganization Meeting (Facebook Live)

Tuesday, January 12th

3:30-4:30 p.m. Office Hours with Rev. Paul in the Zeckhausen Room

7:15 p.m. Bedtime Bible Stories (Facebook Live)

7:30 p.m. Bible Study Happy Hour (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 13th

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours with Pastor Chip in the Zeckhausen Room

7:15 p.m. Prayer Service (Facebook Live)

Thursday, January 14th

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours with Pastor Chip in the Zeckhausen Room

5:30-7:00 p.m. Office Hours with Rev. Paul in the Zeckhausen Room

6 p.m. Reorganization Meeting Q & A (Zoom)

7 p.m. Governing Board Meeting (Zoom)

Saturday, January 16th

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Knit, Stitch, Pray (Zoom)

Sunday, January 17th

8:45-9:45 a.m. Church School Classes (Zoom)

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship (Facebook Live)

12 p.m. Church without Walls

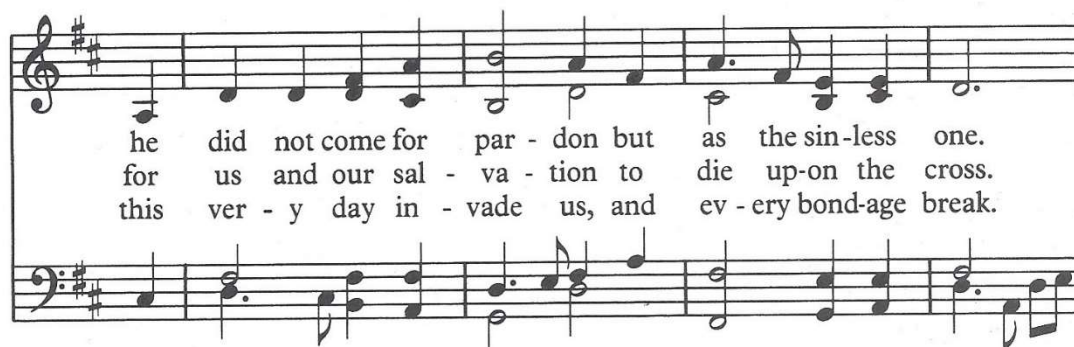
When Jesus Came to Jordan

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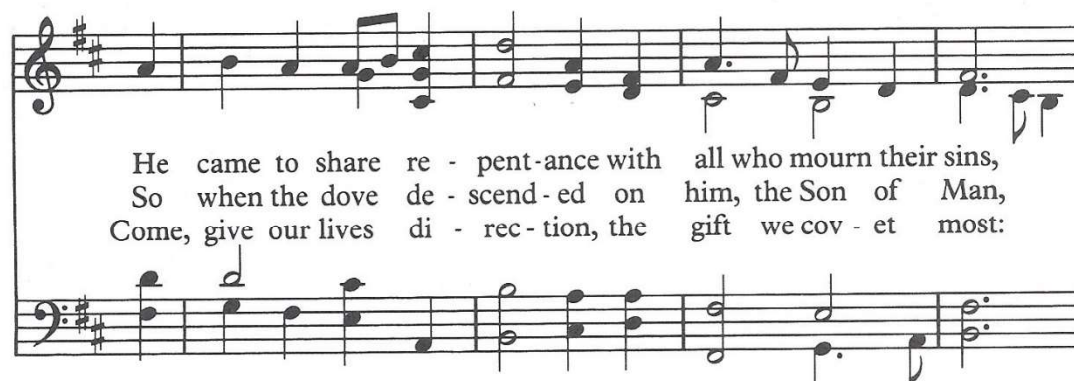
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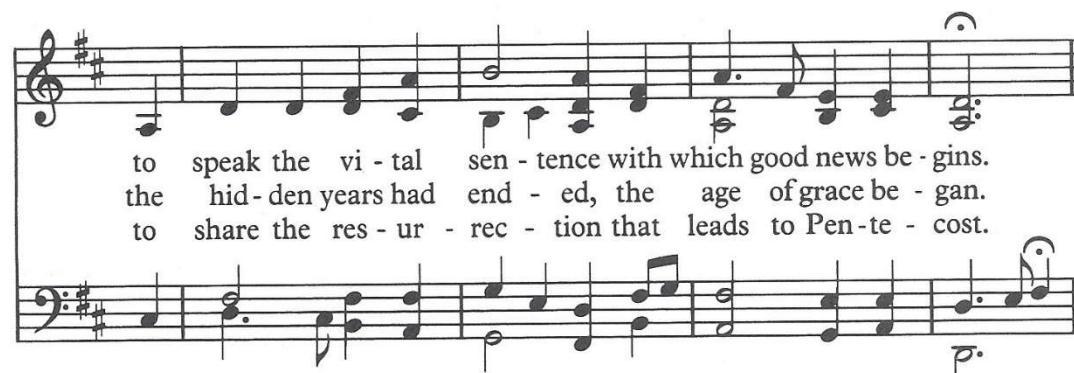
1. When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,
2. He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut-most woe and loss,
3. Come, Ho - ly Spir-it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the sin-less one.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up-on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - ery bond-age break.

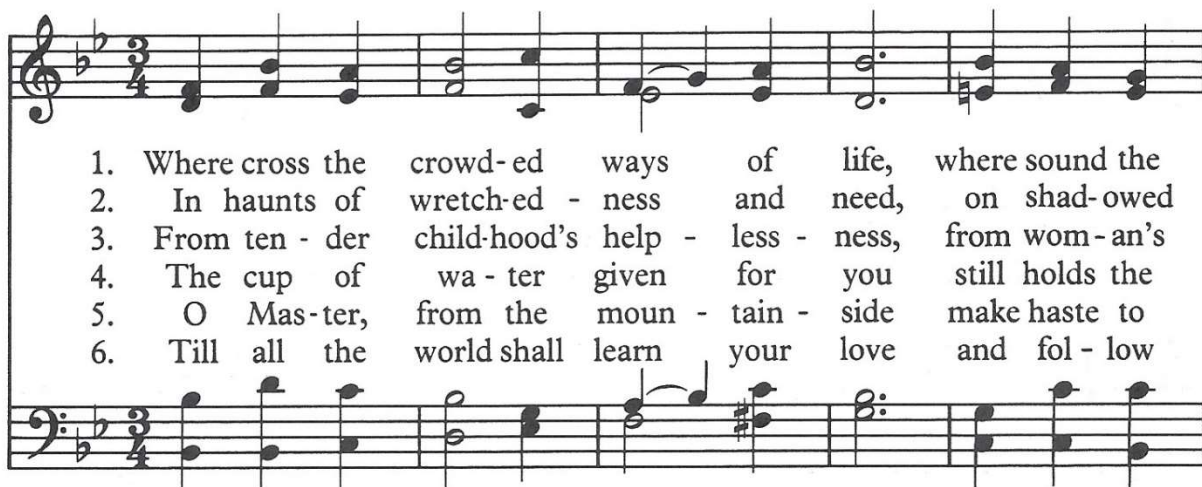


He came to share re - pent-ance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

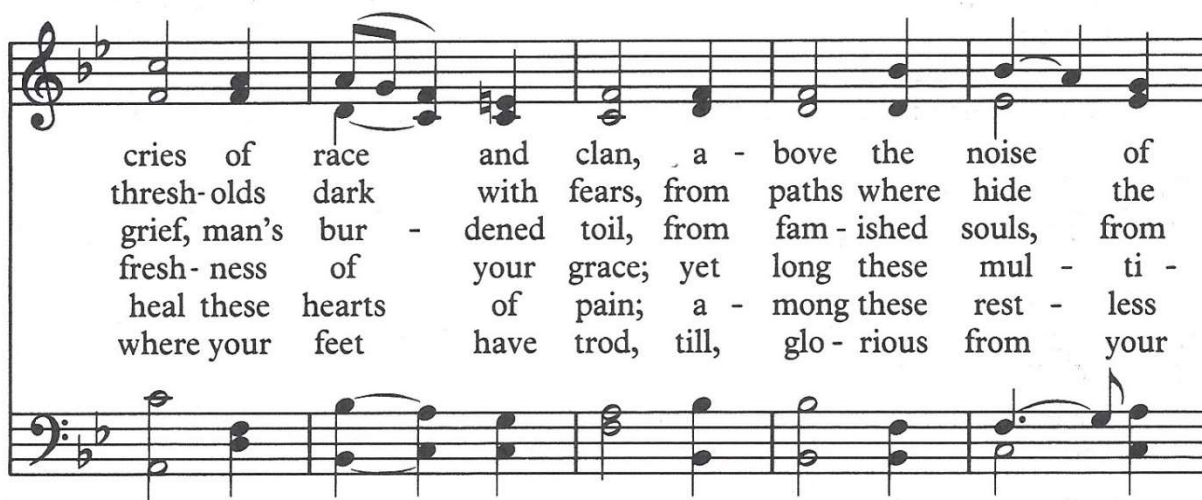


to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen-te - cost.

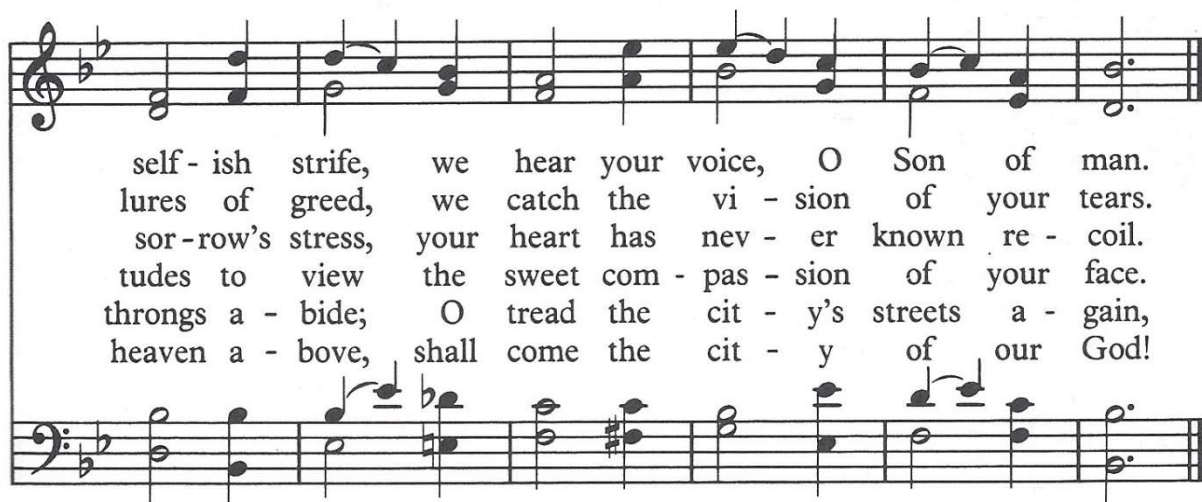
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1. Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the
 2. In haunts of wretch-ed - ness and need, on shad-owed
 3. From ten - der child-hood's help - less - ness, from wom-an's
 4. The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the
 5. O Mas-ter, from the moun - tain - side make haste to
 6. Till all the world shall learn your love and fol - low



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief, man's bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh-ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 where your feet have trod, till, glo - rious from your



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor-row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.
 throngs a - bide; O tread the cit - y's streets a - gain,
 heaven a - bove, shall come the cit - y of our God!