



**Sunday, January 15, 2023  
BAPTISM OF JESUS SUNDAY &  
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO THE GATHERED:**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND**

**OPENING HYMN:** VU#444 Child of Promise

1. Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
2. Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.
3. Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
4. Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trusting in God's love and care.



**OPENING PRAYER:** Read by Colin Whiteside

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:**

One: As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

**SUNG RESPONSE:** VU#82 "A Light is Gleaming" Refrain and Verse 1

**Refrain: A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night,  
living in the light. Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is  
burning bright, living in the light.**

1. When light comes pouring into the darkest place, it hurts our eyes to see the glow.  
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears, our memories and tears.

**Refrain:**

**THEME CONVERSATION:**

**HYMN:** VU#644 I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

1. I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
3. When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

4. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
5. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
6. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
7. I was there to hear your morning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

*(Discovery Kids continues upstairs)*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17 read by Carolyn Hendry

**SERMON:**

**HYMN:** MV#161 I Have Called You by Your Name

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine; I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go; read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go; feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
4. I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.



**RENEWING OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS:**

**GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** "I Am a Child of God"

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**SUNG RESPONSE:** MV#182

**Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,  
Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love.  
Grateful for the birth of Jesus, Thankful for Emmanuel,  
Jesus born in Bethlehem and in our hearts as well.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** read by Colin Whiteside

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BENEDICTION:** MV#214 "May God's Sheltering Wings"



May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.  
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.

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and hold you in his love, and hold you in his love.