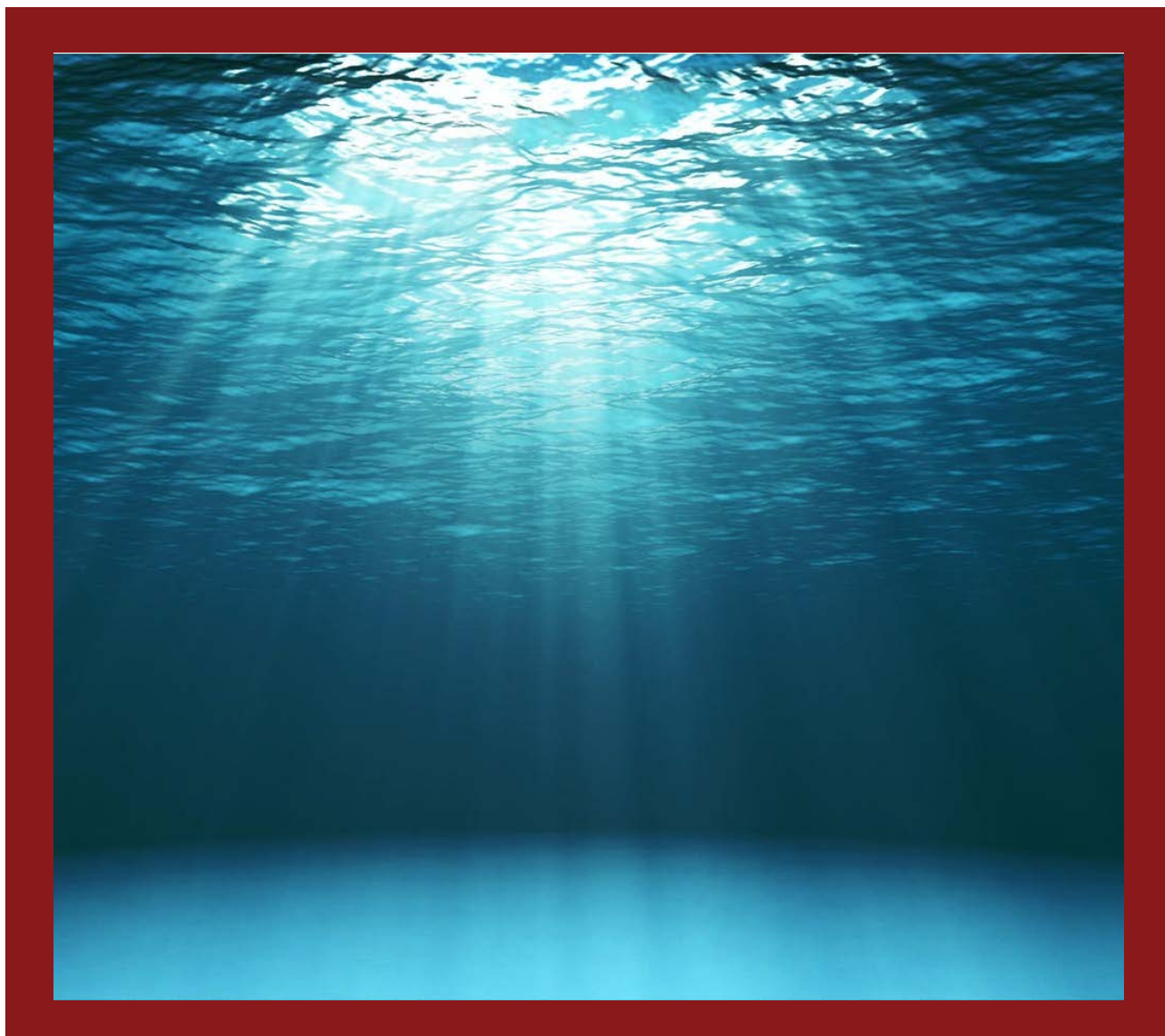


Baptism of Christ

January 9, 2022



Welcome! Are you a guest with us, or interested in connecting with us?

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(*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/**Congregation/all**)

Prelude

Scott Horton, organ

Welcome

Rev. Raygan Baker

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Paul Martzen

One: Siblings in faith, today we recall:
Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

**All: In baptism, our Creator claims us
and frees us from the power of hatred and death.**

One: In baptism we are joined to Christ
and we are joined together in unity, recalling

**All: “There is no longer Jew or Greek
there is no longer slave or free
there is no longer male or female
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.”**

One: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry
and makes us signs of divine love.
It is the mark of acceptance into the church
and the beginning of our growth
Into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**All: Therefore on this day,
we remember and celebrate,
with the whole church, the Body of Christ.**

Prayer of Confession

***Gracious God,
We confess that too often we live
as though we are fearful, not faithful.
When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion,
we don't easily pass through them,
but we obsess about the height of the water
instead of the sight of the other side.
You promised to walk through the rivers with us.
Help us believe.
And help our unbelief.***

Assurance of Grace

One: Thus says the God who created you and formed us in
God's image:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine."
This is the good news!

All: I belong to God.

***Hymn** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" #459, pew hymnal

Scripture Reading Acts 8:14-17 Liturgist: Paul Martzen

Choral Anthem “What I Have I Will Give Thee” - Patterson Chancel Choir

Time for Discovery

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;
let this be our song — no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.**

The Lord's Prayer

***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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.***

Gospel Reading:

Luke 3:15-22

Liturgist: Paul Martzen

Sermon

Water, Water, Everywhere...

Remembering our Baptism

***Hymn**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #292, pew hymnal

Invitation to Prayer

Sung Call to Prayer

**Lord, listen to your children praying:
Lord send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying:
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

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***Blessing and Sung Benediction**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
- arr. D. Bish**

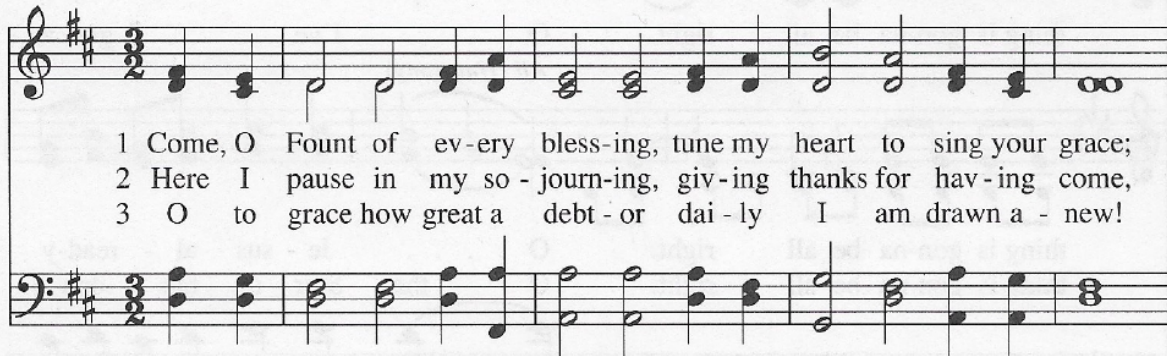
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We Go Out to Love and Serve the World

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

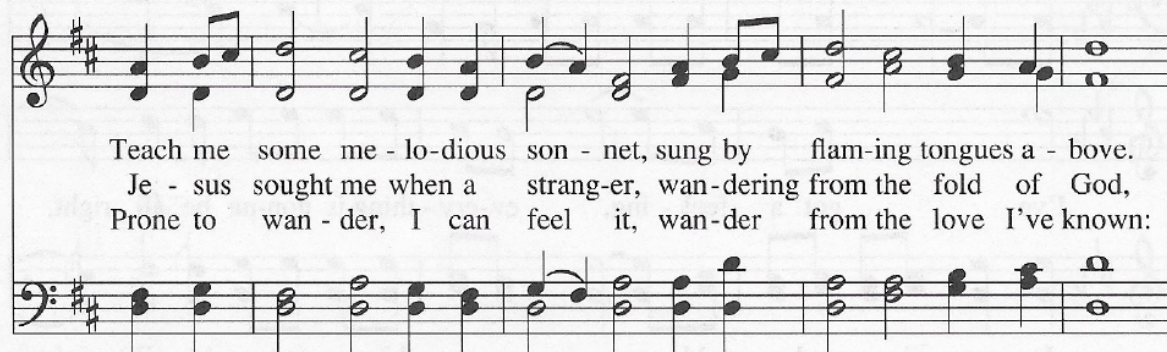
Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.



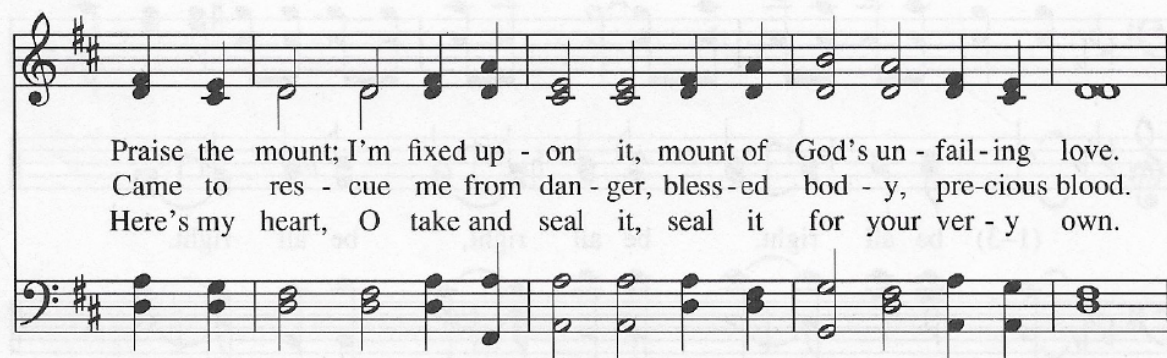
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - jour-n-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first stanza is a four-part setting, and the second is a three-part setting. The third and fourth stanzas are single-line settings for the Soprano and Alto parts. The score includes a final double bar line at the end of the fourth stanza.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Between parish assignments in London, Edwin Hatch taught classics at Trinity College, Quebec, and lectured at Oxford. This hymn appeared in a leaflet, "Between Doubt and Prayer" (1878). Other hymns were published posthumously in Towards Fields of Light, London (1890).

Tune: TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1894

This Week at Big Red

Monday, Jan. 10

- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)

Friday, Jan. 14

- ♦ **1:00pm:** Ministry of Church Life (Parlor)

Tuesday, Jan. 11

- ♦ **6:00pm:** Christian Education Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, Jan. 15

- ♦ No Events

Wednesday, Jan. 12

- ♦ **8:00am:** Bible Study (Zoom)
- ♦ **5:00pm:** Yoga (Nursery)
- ♦ **6:00pm:** Handbell Rehearsal (Music Room)
- ♦ **7:00pm:** Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- ♦ Grapeleaf Submissions Due

Sunday, Jan. 16

- ♦ **9:30am:** Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, Jan. 13

- ♦ **5:30pm:** Ministry of Resources (Parlor)

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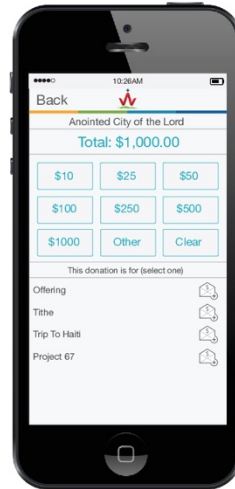
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FCCF Open and Affirming Statement

We believe that all people are sacred creations of a loving God. We affirm the diversity that exists among us. We strive to answer the call of Christ by extending his love, compassion and acceptance to everyone. In this spirit, we open our family of faith to people of every religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, race, age and gender.

As Christians, we experience God's reconciling love. In response we stand with those who suffer discrimination, isolation and alienation.

We welcome all people to participate fully in our church's life and ministry. We celebrate the variety of talents and perspectives which flow into our spiritual community, continuing to enrich us in ways we could not have predicted or envisioned.