

First Presbyterian Church (PC-USA)
Santa Fe
Rev. Dr. Harry W. Eberts, III, Pastor

Sunday Worship
January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord

A Joint Service with:
Presbytery of Santa Fe
First Presbyterian Taos
White Rock Presbyterian Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church Santa Fe

Prelude *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* Huron Carol (c. 1642) by Jean de Brébeuf
arr. by David W. Beatty
FPCSF Chancel Bell Quartet

Welcome Rev. Harry Eberts

Call to Worship Rev. Deborah Worley
(bold in unison)

L: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

All: Darkness has been banished!

L: God's light of hope floods the earth

All: God's light comes to us all.

L: Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

All: Prepare our hearts to receive this Light. AMEN.

Hymn 156 ***Sing of God Made Manifest*** (verses 2 and 3)

Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign--
dove-like Spirit, voice divine--
hailed the true Anointed One:
"This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding-guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.

Prayer of Confession
(in unison)

**God whose spirit moved over the waters,
you have washed us in your mercy,
claimed us as your own,
bound us in community,
and called us to lives of baptismal grace.**

**Forgive us, O God,
for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people.
We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness.
We prioritize our own selfish interests.
We are slow to disrupt the status quo,
even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering.**

**Forgive us, O God,
and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation.**

Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Scripture

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Deborah Worley

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey.

And he preached, saying,

“After me comes he who is mightier than I,
the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.
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 when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven,

“Thou art my beloved Son;
with thee I am well pleased.”

Hymn 164

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

(verses 1 — 3)

Down Galilee's slow roadways
a stranger traveled on
from Nazareth to Jordan
to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters
like soldier, scribe and slave,
but there within the river
was sign of birth and grave.

Arising from the river,
he saw the heaven's torn;
it seemed the sky, so open,
revealed the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended
amid a glorious voice:
"You are my only beloved,
my child, my heart, my choice."

We too have found a roadway;
it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel
in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water
again a voice is heard.
"You are my own, my chosen,
beloved of your Lord."

Message

Rev. Madeline Hart-Andersen

Renewal of Baptism

Rev. Harry Eberts

Hymn 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

(verses 1 — 4)

"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.
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."

"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.
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."

"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.
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."

"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."

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Gather by the River to Pray

Traditional Spiritual
arr. by Pepper Choplin

Combined Choirs

First Presbyterian Taos

White Rock Presbyterian Church

Westminster Presbyterian Church Santa Fe

First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Deborah Worley

Prayers of the People

Rev. Ginna Bairby

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 480

Take Me to the Water

(verses 1 — 4)

Take me to the water.

I love Jesus.

He's my Savior,

Glory hallelujah.

Take me to the water.

I love Jesus.

He's my Savior,

Glory hallelujah.

Take me to the water

I love Jesus,

He's my Savior,

Glory hallelujah,

to be baptized.

yes, I do.

yes, he is.

to be baptized.

Blessing

Rev. Madeline Hart-Andersen

Postlude

Bal in C major, WP 6.62

by Johann Christoph Pezel
arr. by Jan McDonald

Jim Toevs and Jan McDonald, trumpets

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Harry W. Eberts, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Fe

Rev. Ginna Bairby, First Presbyterian Taos

Rev. Deborah Worley, White Rock Presbyterian Church

Rev. Madeline Hart-Andersen, Westminster Presbyterian Church Santa Fe

Dr. Linda Raney

Travis Bregier

FPC Chancel Bell Quartet:

Linda Raney, Barb Hutchison, Travis Bregier, David Beatty

The combined choirs (assembled virtually) of:

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