

I Think I Had an EPIPHANY

Sundays in
January
8:30 and 11am



Martin United Methodist Church
Service of Worship

bold, bold italic are spoken/sung in unison

January 9, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Dr. Scott Youngblood

Call to Worship

8:30- Brandie Spletzer
11:00- Rev. Faiana Funaki

*Leader: People of God, arise, shine,
for your light has come!*

**ALL: The light of Christ has come into the world.
Immanuel.
God with us.**

Leader: So arise, shine, for your light has come!

**ALL: And we will follow the light—
when it shines brightly in the night sky
when it glows dimly on the horizon.**

*Leader: We will follow the light—
when it leads down familiar paths to expected destinations
when the road is unfamiliar
and the star rests above a dubious-looking home.*

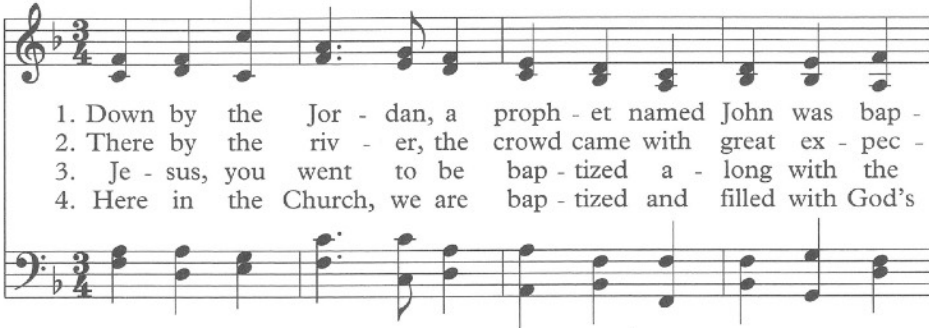
**ALL: We will lift up our eyes and look around.
and when we see the Christ child,
may our hearts be overwhelmed with joy.**

*Leader: When we are in the presence of Immanuel,
may our knees bend in worship.*


**ALL: When our journey brings us, finally, to the heart of God,
may our hands open in generous sharing;
may our mouths open in generous praise.**

—written by Joanna Harader, and posted on the *Spacious Faith* blog. www.spaciousfaith.com—

Down by the Jordan



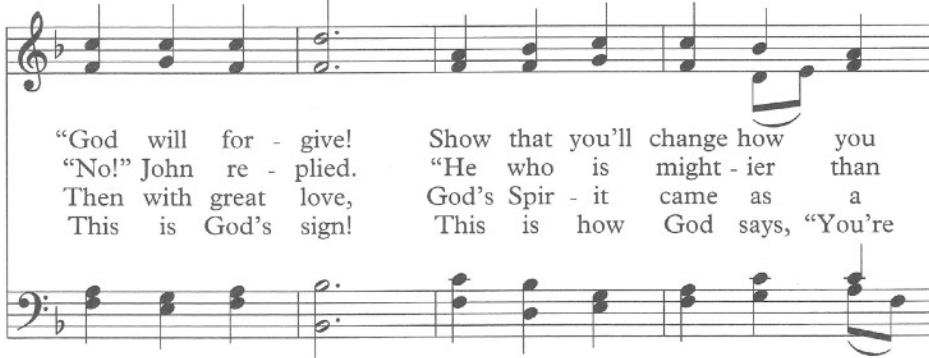
1. Down by the Jor - dan, a proph - et named John was bap -
 2. There by the riv - er, the crowd came with great ex - pec -
 3. Je - sus, you went to be bap - tized a - long with the
 4. Here in the Church, we are bap - tized and filled with God's



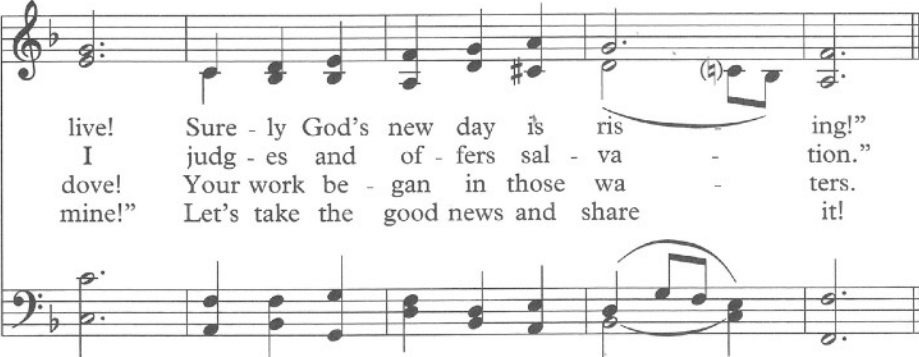
tiz - ing, preach - ing a mes - sage the
 ta - tion: "Are you God's Cho - sen One,
 oth - ers, tak - ing your place a - mong
 Spir - it. Freed and for - giv - en we're



peo - ple found bold and sur - pris - ing.
 sent here to res - cue our na - tion?"
 sin - ners, God's lost sons and daugh - ters.
 wel - comed with joy! Can you hear it?



"God will for - give! Show that you'll change how you
 "No!" John re - plied. "He who is might - ier than
 Then with great love, God's Spir - it came as a
 This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're



live! Sure - ly God's new day is ris - ing!"
 I judg - es and of - fers sal - va - tion."
 dove! Your work be - gan in those wa - ters.
 mine!" Let's take the good news and share it!

Affirmation of Faith

8:30- Brandie Spletzer
11:00- Rev. Faiana Funaki

**All: God is the eternal rock
From year's beginning to its end**

**God is faithful
In each day God is present
In each action God comes close**

**Through all eternity
God is trustworthy
Yesterday, today and forever
Sustaining, enlivening, making all things new
God is the eternal rock**

—Christine Sine, on her **Godspace** website—

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

Children's Time

Robin Bratton

The children are invited to come forward for a message

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 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.*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?"

Jesus answered, "Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness."

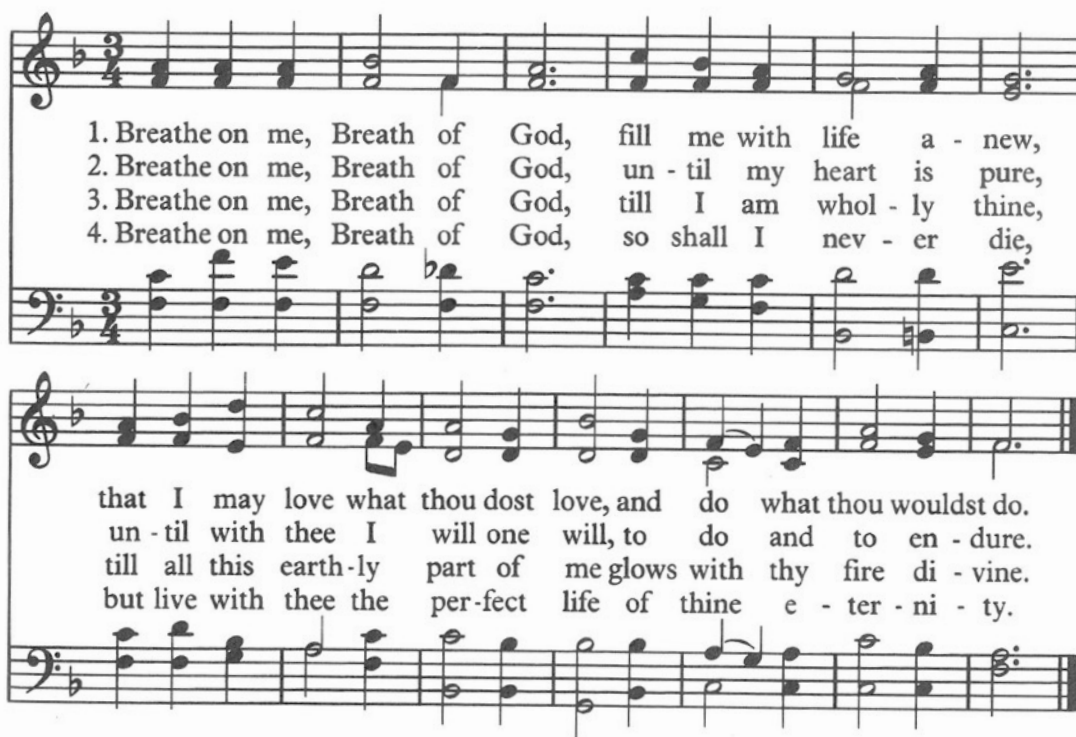
So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him."

Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 420



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, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878 (Jn. 20:22)
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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Offertory Prayer

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Offertory *Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Adams
Caleb Bennetch and Jieun Lee

Brightest and Best
Worship Choir

Shawn Kirchner

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al-le -

lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up -

lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Re-Affirmation of Baptismal Vows

Dr. Scott Youngblood

Blessing After Baptism

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Leader: May the blessing of the three-in-one God be yours.

*May the Spirit bless you with hope
poured out like water and flowing as the river.*

*May Jesus bless you with discomfort
at injustice and oppression.*

*May the creator who holds the earth
as an artist holds brush and palette
fill your imagination
so that you always find the world inspiring and wonderful.*

*May God in whose being beauty shines on you
journey with you.*

*God says to you, "You are my beloved,
be blessed this day and always."*

~Posted on Third Space. <http://third-space.org.uk>~

Invitation

Dr. Scott Youngblood

Hymn

Down to the River to Pray

W&S 3164

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Down to the River to Pray

1. As I went down to the riv-er to pray,

stud-y - in' a-bout that good ole way and who shall wear the

{ star - ry crown,}
{ robe and crown,} good Lord, show me the way.

O *sis - ters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

Come on, *sis - ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.

- * 2. brothers
- 3. fathers
- 4. mothers
- 5. sinners

WORDS: Southern USA folk song
MUSIC: Southern USA folk song; transcribed by Jackson Henry
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Benediction

Dr. Scott Youngblood

Postlude

Jieun Lee

