



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

9 January 2022 – 10:30 AM

The Baptism of Christ

*indicates the congregation is invited to stand.
Please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

PRELUDE

To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ
Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

Dieterich Buxtehude

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke Shepherd, liturgist

One: Our God is a God of power and strength,
All: Creating us in tender care.
One: Our God is a God of majesty and awe,
All: Walking with us every step of the way.
One: Our God is a God of glory and wonder,
All: Loving us with tenderness and passion.
One: Our God calls each of us by name
All: To worship, to serve, to live in praise of the One from whom all blessings flow.

*HYMN 292

TRENTHAM

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.**

*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

**Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:
May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.
And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.
Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.**

*RESPONSE

African-American Spiritual

**Go tell it on the mountain, over the hill and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

ANTHEM	<i>Down to the River To Pray</i> Chancel Choir, Cheryl Anderson, director	arr. Sheldon Curry
SERMON	<i>With the Holy Spirit and Fire!</i>	Pastor Dave
MEDITATION		Songs & Prayers from Taizé

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.** (repeating)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		Pastor Dave
OFFERTORY Invitation Offertory Music	<u>www.PeaceUnited.org/Giving</u> Aria Eli Gilbert, clarinet • Vlada Moran, piano	Eugène Bozza

*COVENANT

**We covenant with God and with each other:
to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;
to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;
to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;
to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;
to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;
for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.**

*HYMN 408	MICHAEL
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**All my hope on God is founded; who else can my hope renew?
Still through change and chance God guides me, only good and only true.
God unknown, grace alone, calls my heart to be God's own.**

**In glad hymns to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising for the love in Christ made known.
Hear Christ's call, one and all; those who follow shall not fall.**

*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>To God All Glory Given</i>	Rachel Sawyer