



# PINEHURST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PRELUDE

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Darlene Skinner

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord!**

OPENING HYMN

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

1. When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

2. He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
this very day invade us, and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:  
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

## OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)

**God of grace and glory,  
you call us with your voice of flame  
to be your people, faithful and courageous.  
As your beloved Son  
embraced his mission in the waters of baptism,  
inspire us with the fire of your Spirit  
to join in his transforming work.  
We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

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## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 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 just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Connections Praise Band

## OFFERING

*Out of gratitude for all God has given us, we respond by giving back to God's world around us. Donate locally to offer your talents toward building up our community, and also consider giving financially by mailing a check to the church or donating online at [pinehurstumc.org](http://pinehurstumc.org).*

## LESSON FOR THE CHILDREN

(9 am)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 7:53-8:11

Then each of them went home, while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

SERMON

"A Year Without Fear: Fear of Not Being Enough"

Pastor David

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FINAL SONG

“The Love of the Father”

Connections Praise Band

Lift up your voices and lift up your praise  
Join with the heavens declaring the wonders  
Of His faithfulness forever

Sing of the victory, the hope of the world  
The Savior is here and the Spirit has come to  
Bring us into love forever

[Refrain]

Oh we are the people of God  
With the freedom of hope in our hearts  
How great is the love of the Father

Lifted from darkness and into the light  
The sons and the daughters are loved at a price  
our God has made us His forever

[Refrain 2X]

This is the song of the redeemed  
The ransomed and the free  
Given life at such a price  
This is love, this is love

And when the Father calls us home  
And we see Him on the throne  
Hear the voices sing as one  
This is love, this is love

[Refrain 2X]

CLOSING PRAYER

**God, your voice moves over the waters.  
Immerse us in your grace,  
mark us with your images,  
and raise us to live our baptismal vows  
empowered by the Holy Spirit  
and the example of Christ our Lord,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Jesus Shall Reign”

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