



**DRIFTLESS REGIONAL MINISTRIES**  
**LIBERTY POLE, NEW HOPE, AND RETREAT**  
**United Methodist Church**

Baptism of the Lord  
January 10, 2021



<sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven:  
“You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the Transformation of the World*

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**IN PERSON WORSHIP IS PAUSED**

Please send offerings and tithes to Retreat, c/o Jodi Waddell, S6908 Missel Rd, De Soto 54624  
Liberty Pole, c/o Bill Marohl, S3784 Bakkon Rd, Viroqua, WI 54665  
New Hope UMC, c/o Gloria Warmuth, E812 County UU, De Soto 54624

*Online worship is available at*  
<http://driftlessministry.org/worship/sermons/lpnh/>  
*You can also access on our You Tube channel – Driftless Ministries*  
*and on the church facebook pages: New Hope and Retreat UMC, and Liberty Pole UMC*

**Worship service is broadcast on Vernon Communications channel 15. Look for Retreat UMC:**  
**Monday 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 4:30 a.m. & 11:30 p.m.**  
**Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Thursday 1:30 p.m.**  
**Friday 8:30 a.m., Saturday 3:30 a.m. & 10:30 p.m. Sunday 5:30 p.m.**

**DRIFTLESS REGIONAL MINISTRIES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**January 10, 2021**

PRELUDE

Tom Baker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING OF THE COLLECTIVE

Charlie Groves, Liturgist

L: God is Good **P: All the Time**

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CENTERING THOUGHTS

**Speaking words of love, God creates us, calls to us, and claims us as God's own. Speaking words of love, we too can create, call, and claim God's beauty and glory in the world.**

HYMN #252 UMH

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*

OPENING PRAYER

**Spirit of creation and renewal, enter our hearts and our lives, as you did at the day of our baptism. Descend on us like a dove, as you did on Jesus' day of baptism, that we may hear again your words of love and adoption. Speak to our hearts, minds, and souls, that we may receive your words of guidance and wisdom. Amen.**

OUR CONCERNS AND PRAISES

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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**

SOLO

*This is a Day of New Beginnings*

Tom Baker

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #347 UMH

*Spirit Song*

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-11

MESSAGE

*Remembering Our Baptism*

Pastor Pam

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## RENEWING OUR BAPTISMAL COVENENT

*I remember my baptism and I am thankful.*

## PRAYER OF COVENANT RENEWAL

**I am no longer my own, but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering.**

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.**

**Let me be full, let me be empty.**

**Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

**God as we are renewed in our baptismal relationship with our Savior Christ,**

**may we also be renewed in our commitment to care for your church and for others.**

**Receive our meager gifts for your glory. In the name of your Son Christ we pray. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN #3045 WS

*Down By the Jordan*

## CLOSING BLESSING

**In baptism we are marked as God's beloved ones.**

**God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.**

**God's love never vanishes from us.**

## BENEDICTION

## HYMN TO TAKE WITH YOU #251 UMH

*God Be With You Til We Meet Again*

## ON THE CALENDAR

**Anytime on facebook or YouTube: Sunday School with Christine**

**Tuesday – 6:30-7:30 book study on The Post Pandemic Church. Zoom**

**Wednesday NOON Bible with Bob at New Hope**

**January 20 6:30 Retreat Board**

**January 27 1:30 SPRC at New Hope – Zoom will be available to connect**

## PRAYERS

**The United Methodist Church, our military home and abroad, our nation and her leaders, peace in our world,  
the ministry of the Driftless Region.**

- *Retreat: Ron Hanson, Marla Withey*
- *Liberty Pole: Jeff Matson*
- *New Hope: Gloria Warmuth, Mae Ames, Marion Whitney, Carol Snitker*

### **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

### **Down By the Jordan**

*Tune of Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

1. Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,  
preaching a message the people found bold and surprising.  
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!  
Surely God's new day is rising!"

2. There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:  
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"  
"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I  
judges and offers salvation."

3. Jesus you went to be baptized along with the others,  
taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.  
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!  
Your work began in those waters.

4. Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.  
Freed and forgiven we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?  
This is God's sign! This is how God says "You're mine!"  
Let's take the good news and share it!

### **Spirit Song**

1. O let the Son of God enfold you  
with his Spirit and his love.  
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
O let him have the things that hold you,  
And his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*Refrain*

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
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2. O come and sing this song with gladness  
as your hearts are filled with joy.  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O give him all your tears and sadness;  
Give him all your years of pain,  
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

*Refrain*

### **God be With You**

God be with you til we meet again.  
By his counsels guide, uphold you  
With his sheep securely fold you  
God be with you til we meet again.