



The People of God Gather for Worship  
Bethel United Church of Christ – January 13, 2019  
The Baptism of the Lord

Kindly turn off or silence all electronic devices  
Please observe a time of silence during the prelude for reflection and preparation for worship

PRELUDE

*Prelude*

Johann Ludwig Krebs

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS<sup>†</sup>

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 29

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

\* HYMN NO. 177

*What Was Your Vow and Vision*

COMPLAINER

VOCAL DUET

*Mary, Did You Know?*

M. Lowry and B. Greene  
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 3:1-11

Pew Bible, page 784

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’ ” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to

come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 365

*Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* (vs. 1)

BEACH SPRING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, **in baptism you grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges. We allow our past to hold us hostage and are reluctant to welcome newness. Have mercy on us, that we may live as changed people, as people claimed in the waters of promise.**

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 375

*In Water We Grow* (vs. 3)

STANLEY BEACH

**In water we dive, and cannot draw breath,  
Then surface alive, rebounding from death.  
Our old self goes under, in Christ dead and drowned.  
We rise, washed in wonder, by love clad and crowned.**

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Pew Bible, page 784

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

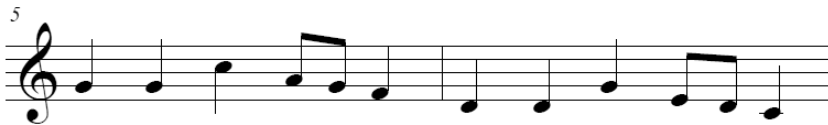
**And also with you!**



God's love made vis-i-ble! In-com-pre-hen-si-ble!



Christ is in - vin - ci - ble! His love shall reign!



From love so boun-ti - ful, bless - ings un - count-a - ble



make death sur - mount-a - ble! His love shall reign!

SERMON

DIVINE HUMILITY

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

*It Is Well with My Soul*

Philip Bliss/Arr. by Edwin McLean

\* Response

*Give Thanks*

Henry Smith

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich"  
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

\* Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\* HYMN NO. 371

*Wade in the Water*

WADE IN THE WATER

**Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,  
Wade in the water; God's a-gonna trouble the water.**

VERSE

**God's a-gonna trouble the water.**

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\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast*

M. Luther/Setting by B. Price

\* Indicates those who are able please stand

✠ Please fill out the pew pad. In order that we may best serve your spiritual needs, please use the prayer request cards in the pew rack and place them in the offering

**Bold** Indicates congregational response

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

In the spirit of Christian love, remember these people and their families  
in your thoughts and prayers – not only today, but throughout the coming week.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
December 23	Dean Amrhein .....	Susie Amrhein
	Mark Jordan .....	Jill Corwin
	Cody Simpson.....	Denise Davis
	Michael Taylor .....	Norma Keller
	Nicole Tuttle .....	Michelle Jedele
	Pat Wilson .....	Jean Holder
December 30	Michelle Hiscock .....	
	Gail Holder .....	Jean Holder
	Frank Robb .....	
	Turner Russell.....	Michelle Roberts
	Maverick Wagner.....	Patsy Aiken
	My Grandma in Heaven.....	Karsyn Klein
January 6	Family of Taylor Anderson.....	Rich Casteels
	Glenda Capps.....	Emily St. Charles
	Stephen Coulter .....	Amy Riley
	Diane Jordan .....	Emily St. Charles
	Family of William (Bill) Peters .....	Cathy Moore
	Family of Officer Michael Smith .....	Tim Seeger
	Family of Mary Turton.....	Renee Casteels
Paul Whelan and family.....		
January 13	Family of Chris Carpenter.....	Toby & Renee St. Charles
	Family of Tom Finley .....	Jean Holder
	Family of Donna Winter-Hagen .....	The Diuble Family
	Chris (Harbert) Hassett .....	David Bucholtz
	Patti Henes .....	Stacey Neigebauer
	Cindy Steele.....	Nancy Loudin
	Lyle Wahl.....	Duane Kuebler
	Marian Youngs.....	Diane Kring

### Those Serving Our Country

Sept. 25, 2010	Gy-Sgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines.....	Lyle Wahl
Jan. 13, 2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 <sup>st</sup> Airborne, U.S. Army	
April 3, 2016	Kyle Braun, U.S. Marines.....	Harvey & Marcella Luckhardt
Oct. 8, 2017	Henry Arbogast, U.S. Navy .....	Darlene Kuebler
Sept. 2, 2018	Willie Day, U.S. Navy Seals .....	Jody Munson

## EVENTS TODAY

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship  
**10:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**11:00 a.m.** Board of Christian Education meeting  
**11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Class  
**4:00 p.m.** Youth Ministry

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Jan. 14                   **6:30-7:15 p.m.** Children's Choir rehearsal  
                                      **6:30-7:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal  
                                      **7:30-9:00 p.m.** Senior Choir rehearsal  
Tues., Jan. 15                   Newsletter articles are due  
                                      **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Bethel Quilters  
Sat., Jan. 19                   **9:00 a.m.** Joint Church Board and Elders meeting  
Sun., Jan. 20                   **9:30 a.m.** Worship  
                                      **10:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
                                      **11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Class  
                                      **11:45 a.m.** Praise Choir rehearsal  
                                      **4:00 p.m.** Youth Ministry  
Mon., Jan. 21                   **No** Children's Choir rehearsal  
                                      **6:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal  
                                      **7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir rehearsal  
Tues., Jan. 22                   **9:00 a.m.** Archives Committee meeting  
                                      **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Bethel Quilters  
                                      **5:00 p.m.** Vespers

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Bethel Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz  
Music Director: Mary Sue Moore  
Greeters: Stan and Patty Lambarth  
Ushers: Lori Tursak, Jeff Elliott, Debbie Hibbard, John Heuser, and Joe Moore  
Acolyte: Elizabeth Diuble  
Lay Reader: Fred Munson  
Vocal Duet: David Bucholtz and Alison Robison  
Child Care: Renee St. Charles and Ryan Mann  
Altar Flowers: Given by the Armin Weidmayer families in honor of Irma Weidmayer's 98th birthday.

