

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 15, 2023

Baptism of the Lord

10:30 a.m.

***Please rise, in body or in spirit.**

Gathering Music

Brian, John, and Paul

Welcome

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prelude

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Christine Woodward

Leader: The Voice of God resounds upon the water.

People: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

Leader: The Son of God is named, Beloved.

People: We are called to listen to Him.

All: Let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

***Opening Hymn**

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

No. 163

***Prayer for the Day (unison)**

Christine Woodward

Loving God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word, you lovingly invite us into this same life—giving mission.

May your Spirit work in us this day to realize your vision of the world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

O God, we confess that at times our faith is small and we do not remember your great love for each of us. We confess that our way of life sometimes causes harm to others and to the earth. We are sorry, and we want to change. We pray for forgiveness. We pray that you would strengthen our resolve to work for peace and justice. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Hymn

Baptized in Water

No. 482

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Athem

Like a Dove

Wendy Barrow and Toby Eckert, vocal duet

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Christine Woodward

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Water and Word

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

To God Be the Glory

Susan Brown

Offering

You can make an offering online at www.oakhillpcusa.org,

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place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or mail your check to the church.

***Response**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.**

Prayers of the People

Oak Hill Community

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Announcements

Rev. Wanda Lawry

***Closing Hymn**

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

No. 488

Benediction

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Postlude

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Susan Brown

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. Please check our website for more information and updates: www.oakhillpcusa.org.

163 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice



1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des - ert still,
 2 "Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
 3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,



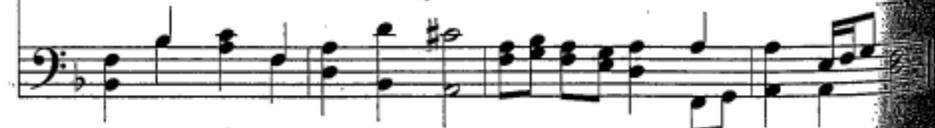
call - ing us to make a choice, bid - ding us to do God's will;
 Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove,
 and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul;
 Soon the Lord will come in power, burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor;
 So we dare to jour - ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod.



Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con - tro - l;
 then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store;
 till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of God.



While all four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3, this text (well set to a vigorous Welsh tune) draws on the report of his preaching in Matthew 3:1-12. The final lines recall that John was the first to name Jesus "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29, 36).

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 MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876
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Baptized in Water

C Am Dm G F G C

1 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C/G

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

Am G C G/B Am G⁷ C

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Glory to God 482

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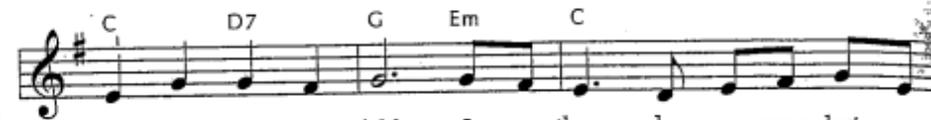
488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord to
 lon-ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-



see your life un-fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be-long. If you find some-one to share your
 plete what I've be-gun. When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea-ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
 I have al-ways been with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.