

Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His 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.” ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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.”

Sermon Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding in Faith Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Glory to you, O God— your voice is over the waters, full of power and majesty. Your word shakes the wilderness and blesses us with peace. We give you thanks and praise for the new thing you have done in Jesus Christ our Savior. Baptized by John in the Jordan, you anointed him with your Holy Spirit and claimed him as your beloved Son. We give you thanks and praise that by the grace of our baptism,

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you have claimed us as well and poured out the gifts of your Spirit so that we might be dead to sin and alive to you in Christ Jesus. Continue to pour out your Spirit upon us. Empower us to love and serve you and live as your faithful people, bearing witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication Offering Music
+Song *Glory Be To the Father* #577

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Prayers of the People

Let us pray:

(Prayers are given, silence is kept.)
Holy One, as you are well pleased with Christ, help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you. As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his will. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Going into the World

+Hymn *Together We Serve* STF2175
+Charge and Benediction
+Postlude



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+Stand as you are able

Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

+Call to Worship and Opening

Prayer

L: In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said: Let there be light.

P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

L: Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

L: Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you.

P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

L: I have called you by name; you are mine.

P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

L: When Jesus was baptized by John, suddenly the heavens were opened.

P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

L: And as Jesus was coming out of the water, the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

P: The voice of the Lord is over the

waters!

L: And a voice said: You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

P: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Let us pray: **Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

+Hymn *The God of Abraham Praise*
#488

Call to Confession

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord! Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,

**What does baptism mean to you?
If you are baptized, how does it
inform your Christian walk?**

making us part of the body of Christ. **We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. (moment of silence.)**

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: We are beloved children of God, forgiven by grace. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response *Come and Fill Our Hearts*
STF215

The Peace

L: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you all!

P: And also with you.

Anthem *You Are Mine* - Haas

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry* STF2051

Gospel Reading Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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