

Makawao Union Church



The Baptism of Christ

January 9, 2022

**Please stand in body or in spirit
Congregational responses are printed in **bold***

The Time of Preparation

Prelude

Hymn

Villemo Daneling

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

*Gathering Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

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*Call to Worship

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

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name,
worship the Lord in holy array.

The voice of the Lord is upon the water.
The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.

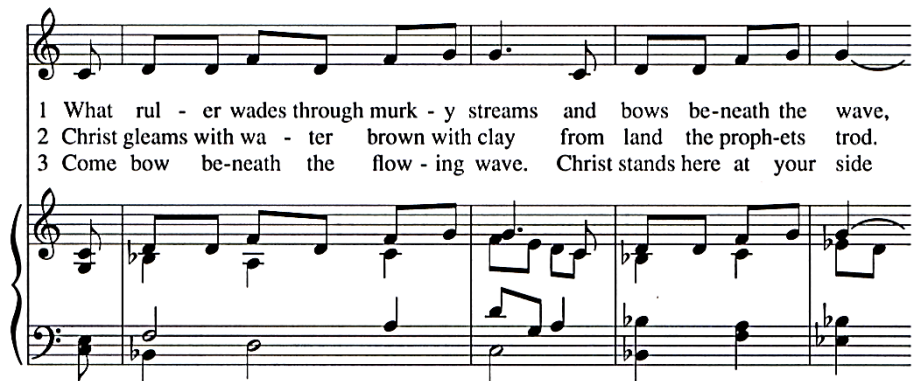
The voice of the Lord is powerful.
**The voice of God is full of majesty.
Let us praise the name of the Lord!**

(Psalm 29, ALT.)


*Hymn

What Ruler Wades Through Murky Streams

#169 (The New Century Hymnal)



1 What rul - er wades through murk - y streams and bows be-neath the wave,
2 Christ gleams with wa - ter brown with clay from land the proph-ets trod.
3 Come bow be-neath the flow - ing wave. Christ stands here at your side

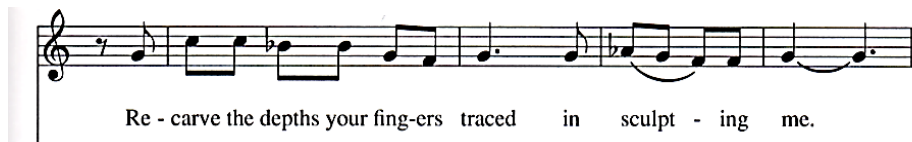


Ig - nor - ing how the world es-teems the pow - er - ful and brave?
A - bove while heav-en's clouds give way de - scends the dove of God.
and rais - es you as from the grave God raised the cru - ci - fied.

Refrain



Wa-ter, Riv-er, Spir-it, Grace, sweep o - ver me, sweep o - ver me!



Re - carve the depths your fing-ers traced in sculpt - ing me.

Gathering Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you....

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.

We Hear the Good News

Anthem

My Son, the Beloved

David Blackwell

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
and was baptized by John in the Jordan
and as he came 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."

(Mark 1:9–11)

Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7 (New Revised Standard Version)

Jay Slaughter

43 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. ² When 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. ³ For 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. ⁴ Because 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. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I 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— ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Psalm 29 (New Revised Standard Version) Jay Slaughter

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, “Glory!” ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Acts 8:14-17 (New Revised Standard Version) Judy Anderson

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (RSV) Judy Anderson

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John 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 Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His 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.”

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and 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. B. David Williams**
“Epic Calls and the Simple 'Yes' to Life”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People
Giving Our Tithes and Offer

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)
For bringing us safely to this hour we give thanks, O God of wind and fire. May our offerings honor you. May our lives reflect your mercy. May our hands bestow on others the blessings we have received. May our prayers unite us with one another and with Christ, in whose name we celebrate the privilege of giving. Amen.

*Hymn *O Holy Dove of God Descending*
#285 (The New Century Hymnal)

(See Last Page)

We Go Forth

Benediction
*The Queen’s Prayer Queen Lili‘uokalani # 580

**‘O kou aloha nō, Aia i ka lani
A ‘o kou ‘oiā i‘o, He hemolele ho‘i. ‘Āmene.**

*English translation:
Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Please continue supporting MUC with your time, talents and treasures.**

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- ◆ **Readers** please see the sign-up sheets in the back of the Sanctuary for opportunities to give of your time, talents and treasures by signing up to be a scripture reader, or bringing flowers from your garden for the congregation to share. Mahalo!
- ◆ **Mahalo** to all who stayed after church last Sunday to help take down the Christmas decorations.
- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** has decided to keep our volunteers safe while the Covid numbers are so high, and will be closed for the month of January. They will reopen on Wednesday, February 2nd to their usual Wednesday and Saturday from 9AM to 2PM schedule. Donations are welcome M -W- F from 9AM to 11AM.

Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To The **Rev. B. David Williams** for being our supply Pastor.
To **Judi Nakanelua** and **Loretta Hughes** for being our Greeters.
To The **Deacons** for providing the Altar flowers.
To **Jay Slaughter** and **Judy Anderson** for being our readers today.
To **Judy Anderson, David Fisher, Bill Kepler, Jan Ryan, Jay Slaughter** and **Leah Tinkelman** for our live music today.
To **Peter Kim** and **Martha-Lee Bohn** for being our Tech hosts.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 11	1:00PM	Deacons Meeting, Rose residence
	5:00PM	Trustees Meeting, Sunday School Room
Jan 14	6:30PM	Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Jan 16	9:00AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30AM	Worship
Jan 20	4:00PM	Council Meeting, Sunday School Room
Jan 21	6:30PM	Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Jan 23	9:00AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30AM	Worship
Jan 28	6:30PM	Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Jan 30	9:00AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30AM	Worship

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O Holy Dove of God Descending

Bryan Jeffery Leech, 1976

Unison

1 O ho-ly Dove of God de - scend-ing, you are the love that knows no end - ing,
2 O ho-ly Wind of God now blow-ing, you are the seed that God is sow - ing,
3 O ho-ly Rain of God now fall - ing, you make the Word of God en-thrall-ing,
4 O ho-ly Flame of God now burn - ing, you are the power of Christ re-turn - ing,

All of our shat - tered dreams you're mend-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
You are the life that starts us grow-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
You are the in - ner voice now call - ing: Spir-it, now live in me.
You are the an - swer to our yearn-ing: Spir-it, now live in me.