



# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**January 10, 2021**

**Livestream**

**10:00 a.m.**

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PRELUDE

**“Voluntary in D”**  
Randy Benfield

Stanley

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 148)

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

**People: May the Lord bless us with God's peace!**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God's beloved.

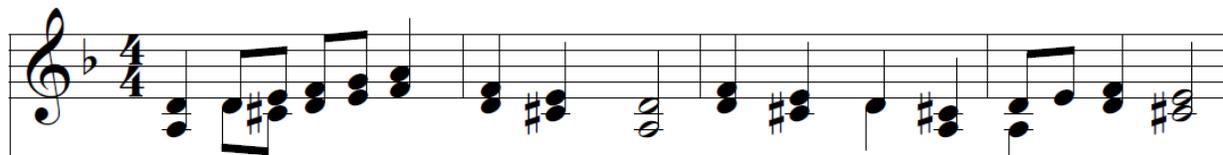
**People: In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God's beloved.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

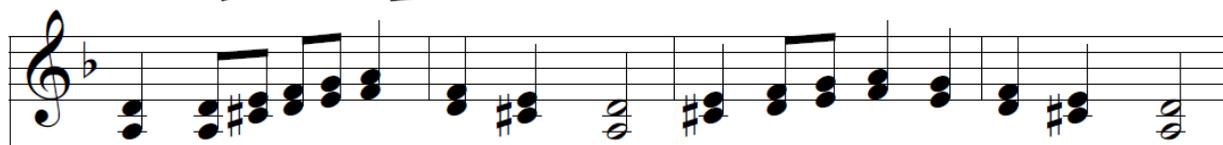
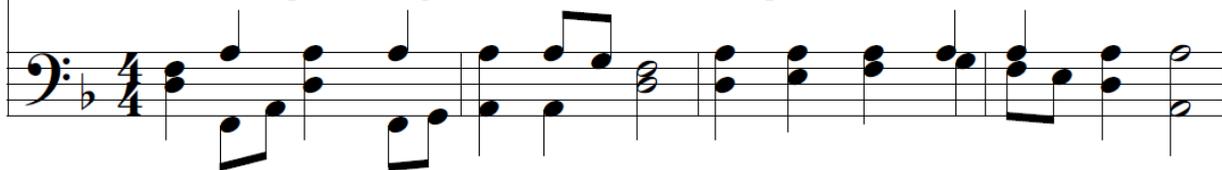
**“Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice”**

No. 409

# 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 - trol.  
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.



## CALL TO CONFESSION

Peggy Krong

Leader: On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we remember our baptisms, where we were claimed as children of the covenant and beloved of God. Yet we live as those who are alienated from God. We have turned away from God, one another and the earth. Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.**

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel and of Jesus' solidarity in his own baptism by John with all who have been immersed in baptismal waters, repenting of their sin. God has forgiven us of our sins and set us on new paths. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own. Thanks be to God!

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### **"The Gloria Patri"**

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**"Siciliana and Giga" (from Flute Sonata No. 5)**  
Susan Herman, flute and Randy Benfield, organ

Handel

## TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

## SONG

### **"We Fall Down"**

Tomlin

We fall down, we lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of His mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus  
And we cry, "Holy, holy, holy"  
We cry, "Holy, holy, holy,"  
We cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the lamb."

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:1-11

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,'"

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON

*Perspective*

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

**"Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble"**

Smith

Did you feel the mountains tremble? Did you hear the oceans roar  
When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ the risen One?

Did you feel the people tremble? Did you hear the singers roar  
When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ the saving One?

And we can see that, God, You're moving

A mighty river through the nations

And young and old will turn to Jesus

Fling wide, you heavenly gates; prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Open up the doors and let the music play

Let the streets resound with singing

Songs that bring Your hope, songs that bring Your joy

Dancers who dance upon injustice

Did you feel the darkness tremble when all the saints join in one song  
And all the streams flow as one river to wash away our brokenness?

And here we see that, God, You're moving.

A time of jubilee is coming when young and old return to Jesus

Fling wide you heavenly gates; prepare the way of the risen Lord.

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for the story of Jesus' baptism by John in the wilderness, for it reminds us of our own baptisms. Just as you claimed Jesus as your beloved, so also have we been claimed as your own children. We remember before you all the children and adults who have been baptized in this congregation of your people, and for their parents and sponsors. Help us remember as a congregation the promises we also have made to each of them

— to nurture them in their lives of faith. And help us remember our own baptisms daily. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy one, our baptisms also remind us that the font is the true center of our cosmos. The place where we were called to live as your beloved people in covenant relation with you, with one another and with your good creation. Help us remember that declaration and promise, especially in difficult times like these. Amid a pandemic that is devastating lives and communities, amid exposure of the racism still wreaking its havoc in our nation, amid painful polarization and division, we claim our center in your baptismal promise of love. Empower us to live out of that love in all that we do, healing divisions, addressing enmity, reaching out to those we perceive as enemies. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, we pray for elected officials in our own country and in all countries around the globe — for those who have been entrusted to exercise leadership on behalf of the common good. Help them to discern wise use of resources to address the needs of citizens suffering from the pandemic and its grave economic strains. And move us all to attend to the cries of the marginal in our midst. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying,  
**Unison: 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.**

## THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,  
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,  
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

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