

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

THIS IS MY BELOVED



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS

January 8, 2023

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Sunday, January 8, 2023
(indicates the assembly stands)*

Gathering

Prelude *“Christ, When for Us”* J. Walther

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Hymn 304 *“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptised”*

*Greeting

*Glory to God p. 167

*Prayer of the Day

Solo *“Ciaconna in D minor” (Part 3)* J.S. Bach

Word

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 29 (see page 4) (sung responsively by full verse)

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21

*Gospel Acclamation *“Alleluia”* p. 171

*Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-17

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 407 *“O Living Breath of God”*

*Nicene Creed p. 104

*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 458, v.1&3 *“Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God”*

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving p. 172

*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 173
*Thanksgiving at the Table IX		p. 68
*Lord's Prayer (<i>"Our Father, who art in heaven..."</i>)		p. 173
Lamb of God		p. 174
Communion Hymns 396, 445		
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 310	<i>"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"</i>	
*Dismissal		A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"</i>	J. Pachelbel

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**** Bible texts are taken from A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church (Wilda C. Gafney, 2021).*

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Psalm 29

Tone 16



¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

⁷The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

²nd part (all) ¹¹**O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the | blessings of peace.**

Leading Worship Today

Minister & violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Cantor: Lana Moses

Broadcast: Jason Smolak

Building Monitor: Don Robins (519-502-2099)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Bruce, John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice and John.

General Announcements

2023 Offering Envelope boxes are available to be picked up from the office during regular office hours (Monday–Friday 10 am–Noon, 1–3 pm).

Update: West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the current demolition, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023: Joint Service with UNA Church at 10 a.m. For this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we'll be holding a Service of the Word jointly with our siblings in Christ from UNA Church. Please note the later service start time. It's been a few years since we last held a joint service, most recently with Trinity United Church. These service are always a wonderful way to explore our vari-

ous gifts, discover what is in common, and try something a little out of the ordinary in the spirit of ecumenism.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be again be presented to the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex, without handshakes.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.



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