



UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF ANOKA

*Following Jesus, Providing Hope, Making Disciples*

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday  
Sunday, January 9, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. By Dickens

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**

*Grace Alone*  
Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God speaks to us, even here and now.

**We are listening for God's voice!**

Hear God calling you beloved. Hear God calling you to follow.

**We worship God with our words and with our lives!**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy God, meet us here today. Help us to hear your voice speaking to us through music and words, wafers and juice, water and prayer. We pray that your Holy Spirit will be known to us, showing us the way in times of change. Amen.**

**HYMN**

*This is the Spirit's Entry Now (#608)*

This is the Spirit's entry now  
the water and the word  
The cross of Jesus on your brow  
the seal both felt and heard

Renewing Spirit, hear our praise  
for your baptismal power  
That washes us through all our days  
Lord, cleanse again this hour

**BAPTISM OF LUCA LARSEN**

*See Insert*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Be Present At Our Table (#621)*

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored  
These mercies bless and grant that we, may feast in fellowship with thee

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Together we come to the table, invited by Jesus. All are welcome. Come meet Jesus again and again in this weekly meal. Prepare your hearts and spirits and bodies as we share in God's grace poured out for us.

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

Lift up your hearts to the Lord: **We lift up our hearts with thanks and praise!**

We are yours, all yours, Holy God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise, we give it all to you, with all our bodies, and minds, and voices. We are your people, whom you have called covenant with you, a covenant we have continually broken, and you have continuously sustained. How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints,

**Jesus Christ who comes in our God's name, you are worthy! Lamb of God who died and rose again, you are worthy! Hosanna now we sing! Hosanna now we sing!**

You are holy, O God! You are worthy, O Christ! Worthy when you preached the good news that God's kingdom has drawn near and as you have gathered disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world what life in God's reign means: healing for the sick, new life for the dead, cleansing for the lepers, freedom for the possessed, new birth, new hope, new creation breaking in for all.

Worthy too, the night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to your disciples. Worthy when you told them, "This is my body broken for you. Remember me." **We remember.**

Worthy when you took the cup, praised God and shared it, and worthy when you said, "This is the cup of salvation. Drink from it and remember me." **We remember.**

We remember, and we praise you with our lives and these gifts of bread and cup, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit and upon these gifts. Make them Christ for us. Make us one in Christ as we pray for the church and the world:

That we may proclaim the gospel boldly, **Hear us, O God.**

That we may offer your healing for all who are sick, or torn, or weary, **Hear us, O God.**

That our beloved dead may be raised, and death's power vanquished, **Hear us, O God.**

That all who are possessed, oppressed, and distressed may be set free, **Hear us, O God.**

Come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit, this day, and every day until that day when we eat together in your kingdom and our rejoicing shall know no end. All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy God, now and forever. **Amen!**

We eat together in grace and love. We drink together in mercy and salvation.

## **PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

**Lord, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this meal and the grace we receive from you strengthen us in love. Send us to serve you as we serve others in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **CELEBRATING MINISTRY AND FAREWELL**

*See Insert*

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*How Can I Keep From Singing*  
Chancel Choir

**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 43:1-7 (CEB)

But now, says the Lord—the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel: Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when you pass through the rivers, they won't sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched and the flame won't burn you. I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you. I give people in your place, and nations in exchange for your life. Don't fear, I am with you. From the east I'll bring your children; from the west I'll gather you. I'll say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Don't detain them." Bring my sons from far away, and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name and whom I created for my glory, whom I have formed and made.

**SECOND READING**

Luke 3:21-22 (CEB)

When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

**HYMN***Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters (#605)*

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow  
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways  
To your name be glory, honor, with our lives we worship, praise  
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born  
By your grace, our lives we offer; re-create us, God, transform

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Rachael Warner

**A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION**

**I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Lord, Listen To Your Children*  
Chancel Choir

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Rachael Warner

## **THE 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*Come, Thou Fount (#400)*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love

## **A LITURGY FOR SAYING GOODBYE**

*See Insert*

## **HYMN**

*In the Midst of New Dimensions (#2238)*

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more

Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair  
Who will lift the olive branches; who will light the flame of care  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more

As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes  
Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more

Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain  
May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again  
God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and ever more

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Praise in Classic Style* by Young

Organist, Diane Gronewold  
Worship Tech, Jake Berg