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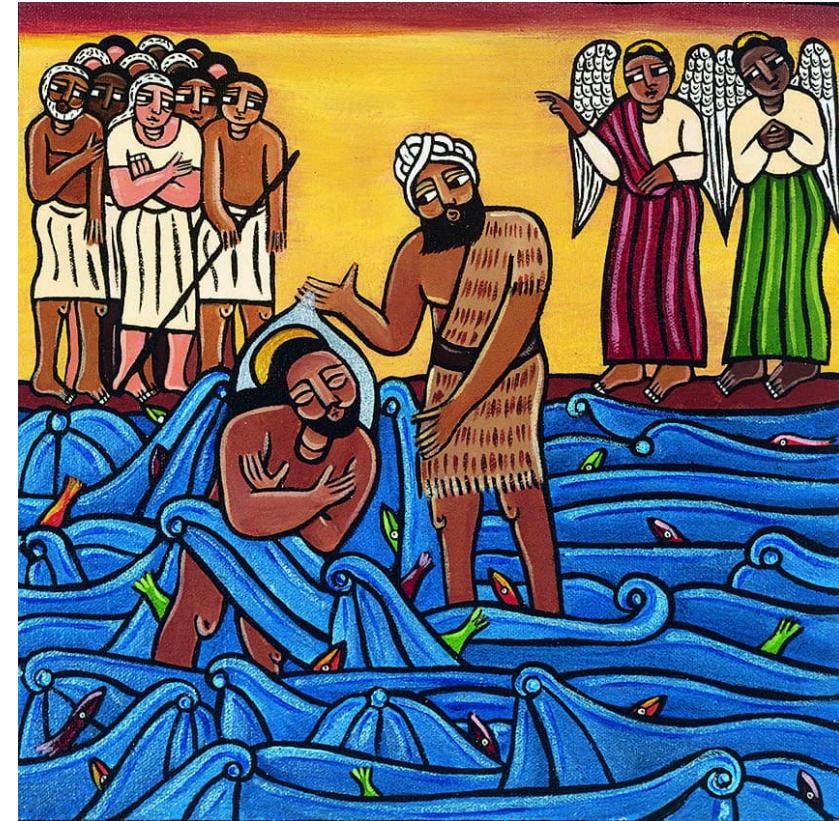
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Service of Worship for the  
Baptism of the Lord

**FANWOOD**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP at

# FANWOOD

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Our usher team this morning is Diana Shoback and Sue Kelly. Our music team is led each week by Alexa Teebo, Luyang Liu, and Jason Rivera, with guest musician Brody Brown. Our service is streamed at [Youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@FanwoodPresbyterianChurch).

## AROUND THE CHURCH BUILDING

Restrooms are available on the ground floor of the sanctuary, and can be accessed using the staircases at the parking lot entrance or the back of the sanctuary. Sunday School is available for elementary-aged students, and meets on the ground floor of the church building. A nursery for small children or babies is available downstairs for parents.

## WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to Fanwood Church, you can use Zelle ([fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com](mailto:fanwoodpcfinance@gmail.com)) or the QR code to link to our online giving platform.



## WHEN YOU ARE IN NEED

Our deacon ministry is available for prayer, hospital or home visitation, offering communion, and other care needs in our congregation and community. If you would like to request support or just speak with a deacon, email [fanwooddeacons@gmail.com](mailto:fanwooddeacons@gmail.com).

## REFERENCES

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## SCAM COMMUNICATIONS

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*\* indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*



## GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" *verse 1*

(Refrain) *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.*  
*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.* (Refrain)

CHIMING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Over the waters of creation, God spoke:  
**All: Let there be light.**  
One: Over the waters of the Jordan, God spoke:  
**All: This is my beloved Son.**  
One: God of all wilderness wanderers  
**All: you sent John to prepare the way**  
One: for Jesus the Christ, your beloved Son.  
**All: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us**  
One: so that, like John, we may proclaim  
**All: the time to turn from sinfulness**  
One: and rejoice in the Good News of your grace;  
**All: through Jesus Christ, the water of life.**

Luyang Liu

\* OPENING HYMN #420 "God of Grace, God of Glory" *verses 1 & 2*

CALL TO CONFESSION & SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God of faith, hope and love, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You made us in your own image, but we tarnish your good name. You call us your beloved children, but we take your favor for granted. We neglect your will for our lives and turn away from your guidance. Too often, we seek our own desires instead of following your path, forgetting the grace you freely offer. Pour out your mercy upon us so we may live in a way pleasing to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE #579 "Gloria Patri"

*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.*

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

## 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 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Believe It (The Life of Jesus)"

Alexa Teebo

SCRIPTURE Matthew 3: 13-17

SERMON "Baptized for Battle"

Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Macari

## RESPONSE

OFFERTORY "Living Hope"

Brody Brown

## REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you renounce all evil and powers in the world  
Which defy God's righteousness and love?  
**I do renounce them.**

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which defy God's righteousness and love?  
**I do renounce them.**

Will you again turn to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?  
**I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple  
Obeying His Word and showing His love to your life's end?  
**I will, with God's help.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *composed by Rev. Nathan Nettleton*

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all. We believe in Jesus the Christ—God coming to us in the fragile promise of a Baby yet unborn—who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the Body of Christ, empowering us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful. We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be completed when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrows are raised from the waters. For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

\* DOXOLOGY #592 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SENDING

\* CLOSING HYMN #420 "God of Grace, God of Glory" *verses 3 & 4*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Luyang Liu