



No matter:

how you are coming to this service;
what you've come from or where you are going;
what you are feeling or just not feeling;
what you believe or doubt;
who you are, how you identify;
whom you love

All of who you are is welcomed into this community of faith
by a God who loves you abundantly.

Thanks be to God.

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Rev. Brett Pinder

WELCOME

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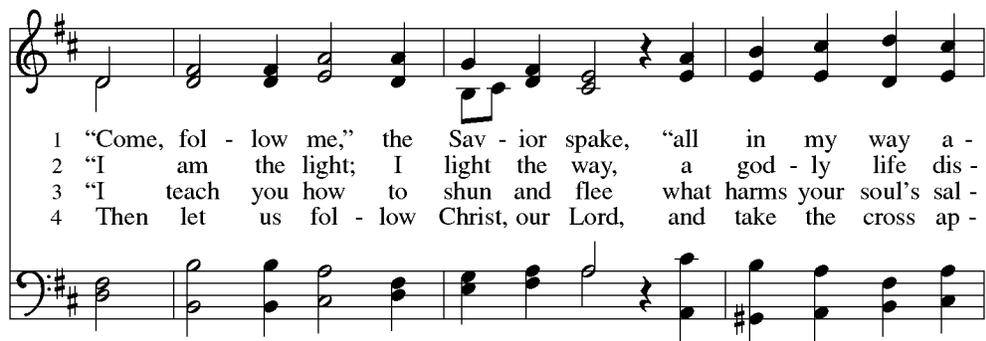
Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our Creator with us in the seasons of our lives
and who turns the seasons of the living earth;
Christ our sibling who turns us to really pay attention
to one another;
Spirit who turns this world toward the world as it should be.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

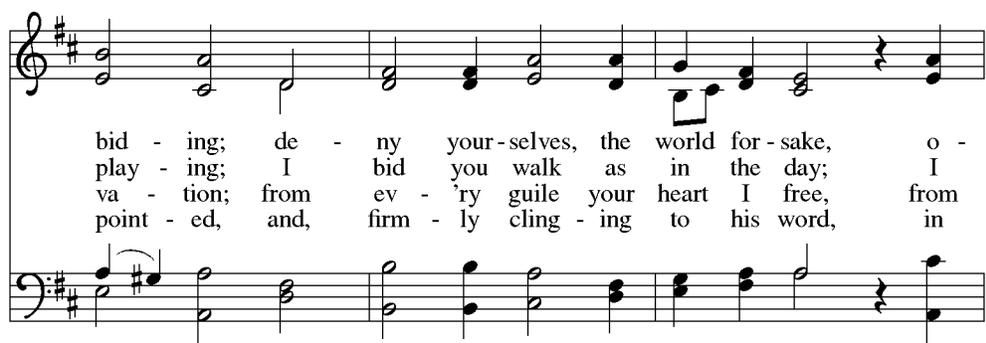
Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

ELW 799

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my way a -
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -
 3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's sal -
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -



bid - ing; de - ny your - selves, the world for - sake, o -
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I
 va - tion; from ev - 'ry guile your heart I free, from
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in



bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide."
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low."
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

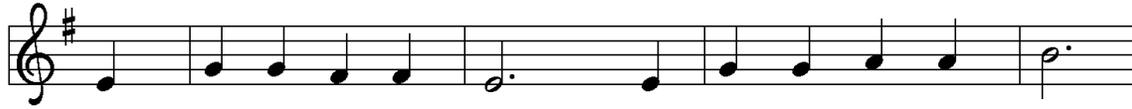
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 Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555–1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586–1630

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pr Brett: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
 we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
 Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood,
you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea,
you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river,
your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy
Spirit.
By water and your Word,
you claim us as your beloved children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus
Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

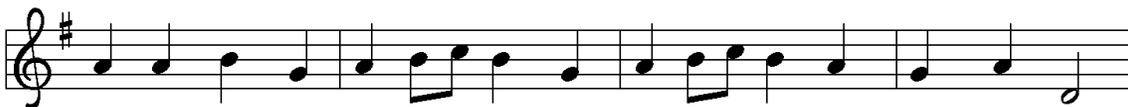
HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist: Holy God — in this precious hour, we pause
and gather to hear your living word —
to do so, we break from responsibilities that demand of us,
and even from play that lightens us;
Move us from fears that overwhelm
and from our ambitions, sometimes too strong.
Bless us with sabbath pause.
that we may focus to listen deeply,
that we may receive your living word,
that we may be changed,
that we may be empowered.
Amen.¹

James 3:1-12

3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

3:2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

3:3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

3:4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

3:5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

3:6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on

¹ adapted from Brueggemann, Walter. "That We May Change." *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*

fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

3:7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,

3:8 but no one can tame the tongue--a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

3:9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

3:10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

3:11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

3:12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Liturgist: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: May we have ears to hear.

PSALM READING

Psalm 116:1 – 9

Liturgist: I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,

**All: for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.**

Liturgist: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave |
came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

All: Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.” R

Liturgist: Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;
our God is full | of compassion.

All: The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;
I was brought low, | and God saved me.

Liturgist: Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt | well with you.

All: For you have rescued my | life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling;

Liturgist: I will walk in the presence | of the LORD
in the land | of the living.

GOSPEL READING

Pr. Brett: You are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Mark 8:27-38

8:27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

8:28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

8:29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

8:30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

8:31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

8:32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

8:33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

8:34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

8:35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

8:36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

8:37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

8:38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will

also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Pr. Brett: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: May we have ears to hear.

SERMON

Rev. Brett Pinder

HYMN

Crashing Waters at Creation

ELW 455

Crashing Waters at Creation

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age — chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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HOLY BAPTISM

Pr. Brett: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth...
...and joined in God's mission for the life of the world...

...Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit
moved over the waters and by your Word you created the
world...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AND WELCOME AFTER BAPTISM

**All: You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia.**

Pr. Brett: Sustain Anthony with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel
and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the
spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.
Family is gifted a baptismal candle.

Pr. Brett: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
**All: We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all
the world.**

SUNG RESPONSE AFTER BAPTISM

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

ELW 445
(verse 3)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!



Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!



Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.



Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pr. Brett: Ours is welcoming community
where we seek to build connections;
...after all, loving our neighbor is a lot like loving our God

Ours is a sharing community where our joys are celebrated;
...a caring community where we amplify resilience and grace in
the wake of sorrows;

Pr. Brett: Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.
[in response to prayer concerns]

Pr. Brett: Praise the Lord.
All: Halleluiah!
[in response to prayers of joy]

SUNG RESPONSE
There Is a Balm in Gilead

ELW 614
(Vs 1)

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: African American spiritual

BALM IN GILEAD
 Irregular

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through the living Christ;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to
reveal your glory and love.
And so, with the whole church,
with the company of the whole host of our ancestors in faith,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you,
your love is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures
from age to age....

...Remembering their love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Unveil yourself to us in the breaking of bread.
Breathe new life into us.
Empower as the body of Christ for the world.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones, our ancestors in faith,
of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

RECEIVING COMMUNION COMMUNION HYMN

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW 814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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Pr. Brett: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth empowered by Spirit, that we may embody your redeeming love in the world and continue into your world as the body of the risen Christ. Amen

SENDING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

BENEDICTION

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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