



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

# The Water's Fine

Glimpses of the Kin-dom Worship Series



**DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES**

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**Mt Vernon UMC**

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OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 🎵

**Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love  
Our God is an awesome God**

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

**Jesus emerges from the water.**

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am  
well-pleased."**

Jesus is named. Claimed.

**We come to the water. We remember we are named.  
Claimed.**

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

**Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.**

HYMN 🎵

617. I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

NOISY OFFERING (Mt Vernon)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

RESPONSE

761. Psalm 29

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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<sup>1</sup> written by Caela Wood, Pastor at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Manhattan, Kansas.

## LORD'S PRAYER - #895

**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.**

## RESPONSE 🎵🎵

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,  
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

HYMN 🎵🎵 #252. When Jesus Came to Jordan

## SERMON

## RESPONSE<sup>2</sup> 🎵🎵

**(Sing) Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart, in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**You alone can change me, Lord. Wash me in the waters of  
baptism that I may become a new person. Wash away  
everything that stands between me and your holiness.**

**(Sing) In my heart, in my heart.**

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<sup>2</sup> Kwasi I. Kena, *The Africana Worship Book, Year A*, Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua, eds., (Discipleship Resources, 2006), 103.

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

You alone can change me, Lord. Wash away this temper  
that gets me into more trouble than I can handle. Wash  
away the massive wants that place me in constant  
financial jeopardy.

**(Sing) Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart, in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

You alone can change me, Lord. Wash away my envy that  
separates me from the people I should love. Wash away  
everything that stands between me and your holiness.

**(Sing) In my heart, in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

You alone can change me, Lord. Wash me with your  
cleansing power that I may be a child of God.

You alone can change me, Lord.

**(Sing) Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart, in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

## **OFFERING & PEACE**

### **DOXOLOGY - #95**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks  
for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,**

**to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>**

Greet yourself as God's beloved.

Greet one another as God's beloved.

Greet all you encounter as God's beloved.

In that greeting, we will be and we will become the Body  
of Christ. In that greeting, we will behold the image of  
God, ever among us and around.

## **POSTLUDE** 🎵🎵

God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.





Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet.

Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

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<sup>3</sup> Martha Brunell, *The Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual, Series 2, Year A* (Abingdon Press, 2001), 59.

## Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

Noisy Offering (Cunningham Children's Home)	Today!
Church Council	7pm 1/11
UMM Sausage Sale	See Dave or Bob
Helping Hands Donation (     )	2/5

## Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Darian Darling, Mary Kae Sherman, Margaret Virt

For more information about these and other activities, check your email for *This Week at Mt. Vernon*. If you don't receive *This Week at Mt. Vernon*, please let us know.

Next Sunday: "Not Lacking"



Isa 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught

Learn together of God's love and grace

Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents

Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.

To learn more, visit [facebook.com/MtVChamp](https://facebook.com/MtVChamp)

If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob (217-751-4400, [pastor@mtvernon-umc.org](mailto:pastor@mtvernon-umc.org)).