



Closing Worship
Friday, July 17, 2022 10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ You're invited to stand in body or in spirit. | **Bold** words are spoken responsively.

THE GATHERING

As the Deer

Dios Esta' Aquí
(God is Here Today)

PROCESSIONAL

Crossing Over

GREETING

Bishop William T. McAlilly

Leader: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also, with you.*

Leader: The Risen Christ is with us.

People: *Praise the Lord!*

Leader: The river of life unites us!

Please turn to your neighbor and say:

People: *The river of life enlivens you!*

+CONGREGATIONAL SONG *Baptized In Water*

Verse 1 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation, trusting God's promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

Verse 2 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

Verse 3 **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king;
born of one Father, we are God's children -
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

+INVOCATION

Gracious God, we welcome your presence in this place. We celebrate "the river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High." We thank you for your presence and power revealed to us in the image of living water throughout the ages.

May the Spirit of the living water, fall afresh upon us and give us the blessed assurance that God is with us, that God will never leave us nor forsake us;

May the Spirit of the living water fall afresh upon us and remove all anxiety and fear;

May the Spirit of the living water fall afresh upon us and give us wisdom enough to roll all the works of this new conference upon God so that our plans may be established and succeed;

May the Spirit of the living water melt us, mold us, and fill us
so that we do not lose sight of the Great Commandment to love our God with all our heart,
soul, mind, and strength,
so that we do not lose sight, that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, nor should we lose
sight of our mission to
make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
We ask this and all prayers in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

+BAPTISM RENEWAL LITANY

Leader: We are a people of the water!
People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.
Leader: Love, like a rain shower, awakens the sleeping seed
within the soul and lures it to blossom.
People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.
Leader: Love, like a wading pool, inspires the delight of
children, jumping, splashing, spraying each other,
shivering wet with joy.
People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.
Leader: Love, like a hot shower after a long day's work,
cleanses us, reawakens us.
People: We worship a God whose love flows through water.
Leader: Love, like little drops, drips from fingertips to forehead
and the family of faith creates space for those yet to
come.
**ALL: We worship a God whose love comes to us through
living water.**

EPISTLE READING Romans 5:1-5 NRSV
+GOSPEL READING John 21:4-19 NRSV
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON Bishop William T. McAlilly

RESPONSE TO THE WORD *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*
Solo: Rev. Dr. Cynthia A. Wilson

NEW SERVICE OF REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

+ INTRODUCTION Bishop William T. McAlilly
Rev. Marie C. King

Sisters and brothers in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters,
to renew our commitments
in each other's presence
to Christ who has raised us,
the Spirit who has birthed us,
and the Creator who is making all things new

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

And so, I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
Reject the evil powers of this world,
And repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us
To resist evil, injustice, and oppression
In whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,
put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
And serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church
as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty.
in Jesus Christ, his only Son.
and in the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray,
Almighty God, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die.
Your justice never fails.
Your mercy is everlasting.

**Your healing river flows.
Your Spirit blows where you will.
We cannot stop you, God!**

But sometimes we try.
We try to block the flow,
we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound,
and we forget its power.
We parch ourselves.

**We are dry and thirsty, O God.
Come, refresh us!**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!
Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Come upon these waters.
Come upon these waters.

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.
Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.
Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.
Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.
Most Holy God, Abba, Father!
Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS *Wade in the Water*

Chorus **Wade in the water,
Wade in the water children,
Wade in the water,
God's gonna trouble the water.**

Verse 1: See that band all dressed in white,
Response: God's gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like an Israelite

Verse 2: Solo: See that band all dressed in red,
Response: God's gonna trouble the water.
It looks like the band that Moses led.

Verse 3: **Response God's gonna trouble the water. (Chorus)**
Look over yonder, what do I see?
Response: God's gonna trouble the water.
The Holy Ghost a-comin' on me.

Verse 4: **Response: God's gonna trouble the water. (Chorus)**
If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
Response: God's gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
Response: God's gonna trouble the water. (Chorus)

Water, River, Spirit, Grace

Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me.

Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me, in sculpting me.

SENDING FORTH

Bishop William T. McAlilly

SONG OF SENDING

Crossing Over (Reprise)

LITURGISTS & MUSIC LEADERS

PREACHER: Bishop William T. McAllilly, Episcopal Leader
Tennessee - Western Kentucky AC

LITURGISTS: Rev. Marie C. King, Pastor, Banks Chapel Church / St.
John United Methodist Church

CONFERENCE SONG LEADER & GUEST SOLOIST:
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Wilson, Founder/Director,
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Methodist Church, Certified Candidate, John Wesley United Methodist Church Written by Rev.
Dr. Cynthia A. Wilson (Used by Permission)

BAPTISM RENEWAL LITANY:

SCRIPTURE READERS:
Rev. Dr. Hyeong Hong, Pastor of Sparta First United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Paula B. Smith, Senior Pastor
Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church

BAPTISM RENEWAL LITURGY from "A Prologue of Baptism," in
Touch Holiness, John W Howell, The Pilgrim Press, Cleveland, Ohio.
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READERS: Rev. Mary Beth Eberle, Pastor, Grace United Methodist Church &
Chaplain, Wesley Foundation, University of Memphis-Lambuth

Rev. Carllose Uroza, baptism liturgist

**NEW SERVICE OF REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT – *United
Methodist Book of Worship***

BANNER CARRIERS: Project Transformation Interns (9)

WORSHIP DESIGNERS, ENSEMBLE DIRECTORS, INSTRUMENTALISTS

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Wilson, Conference Worship & Song Leader
Founder/Director, The Junius B Dotson Institute for Music and Worship in the Black Church and
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Opening Worship: Rev. Anne Hook, Minister of Music and Worship
Christ United Methodist Church, Franklin

Service of Ordination: Rev. Jackson Henry, Pastor of Worship and Music
First United Methodist Church Murfreesboro

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GUEST DANCE MINISTRY: “shackled feet” DANCE, Nashville, TN

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HYMNS, SONGS, SPIRITUALS

SONGS OF GATHERING *As the Deer*

TFWS #2025

Dios Esta’ Aquí
(God is Here Today)

TFWS #2049

PROCESSIONAL *Crossing Over (The Good Old Way)*
Medema and Cathy Chamblee (anon.1867)

Arranged by Ken

CONGREGATIONAL SONG *Baptized In Water*

Text: Michael Saward (Rom. 6:3-5) TFWS #2248

Tune: Trad. Gaelic melody

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Text: Ruth C. Duck

UMH #605

Tune: Beach Spring

MUSICAL RESONSES - BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Wade In the Water *Songs of Zion #129* Traditional African American Spiritual

Water, River, Spirit, Grace TFWS #2253 Text: Michael Saward (Rom. 6:3-5)

Tune: Trad. Gaelic melody