



January 9, 2022
Baptism of the Lord Sunday
Liturgists 8:30: Angela Marsee; 10:30: Faye Henson

Prelude

Sophia Lee

Welcome & Prayer

Announcements

Liturgist

Call to Worship

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Leader: Every call to worship contains a call to witness.

People: Our world is fallen, frightened, lost in sin. The world needs us to share the Good News of Jesus.

Leader: Many souls are crying out for hope, for connection, authenticity, healing. The world needs us to have a courageous faith because it needs the message of Jesus.

People: The truth of the matter is that there is something the matter with the Church. We haven't been sharing Jesus with others. We are afraid to, because we are afraid, too.

Leader: The heart of our problem is the problem of our heart. The fears of the world have infected us. We have become filled with timidity, fear, and a lack of faith. Our hearts need to love people enough to risk sharing Jesus with them.

People: The Church has a serious problem on our hands. We need to raise our hands and our voices to worship God, to serve others, and to point people to Jesus.

All: Every call to worship is the call to witness.

Hymn:

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

577 UMH

Unison Prayer:

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Lord God, hear our prayers and answer us as we pray for greater boldness. Help us to face this hour in which you have placed us here on the earth. As past generations trusted in you and laid aside their fears and bravely witnessed to your truth, so may we also receive your help in the moments we are most afraid. St. Paul said, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind." In your Word you have told us over 100 times not to be afraid. As King David said, "I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all

my fears.” So we, too, seek you Lord above all other things: above the desire to be respected, above the desire for wealth and security, above the fear of failure. O God, deliver us from all our fears. Raise our church up this year, that we may boldly serve you in our community and world. Let us prophesy with courage when you give us words to share. Let us pray with courage, when you give us the opportunity. Let us testify with courage about the things you have done in our lives. Let us sing of your greatness, in every place that we can. As John Wesley had stones thrown at him, and was struck in the face by violent men, and was mocked and ridiculed, so may we who call ourselves Methodists live with the courage of our conviction that everyone we will ever meet needs the Christ who saves. We want to live and die for his glory, and so it is in his perfect name that we pray. Amen.

Choir Anthem	“Fall Like Rain”	by Stan Pethel
Scripture:	Acts 4:13-31 RSV	Rev. Chuck Horton
Sermon:	“To Speak With All Boldness”	Rev. Chuck Horton
Children’s Message		Mason Carman
Affirmation of Faith		883
Pastoral Prayer		
*Hymn of Invitation	“Am I a Soldier of the Cross”	511 UMH
*Benediction		
*Parting Hymn	“Pass It On”	572 (Vs 1 & 3) UMH
Postlude		Sophia Lee



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