

**O Come to the Altar
Elevation Worship**

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes, a new life is born
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood!...

Oh what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him...

THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Sunday, September 20, 2020, 10:00am Repentance Sunday

“The mission of First United Methodist Church
is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.”

ENTRANCE

Songs for the Gathering of the People Mary Lynn Hart, Jackson Rushing

Prelude: “I’ll Tell the World” (That I’m a Christian) Mary Lynn Hart: Piano

Chiming the Hour Doug and Susan Marsh

Welcome, Invitation to Silence Pastor Phil Thrailkill: Interim Minister

+Greeting Trinitarian Greeting, The Commands of God

As the friends of God let us bless the Lord,

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

“God spoke from the mountain and said: ‘I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me’.”

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.”

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

“Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet... anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

“Jesus said, ‘The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Recorded Hymn: “A Hymn of Confession and Hope” Insert

+Mutual Blessing and Common Prayer of Petition

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**O God our Father, the Searcher of every heart,
you have formed us as a people and claimed us as your own.**

**As we acknowledge your sovereign rule and amazing grace,
stir in us a hunger for holiness and a desire to be changed by love.**

What you did in earlier times to renew your people, begin in us today.

Reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us.

Turn our hearts in loyalty to you and to one another in love.

**Let your Holy Spirit impress light and divine fire on our inmost beings,
and receive us in mercy, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen. (Silence is kept to listen for the Lord’s voice.)

Act of Praise: "Glory Be to the Father" spoken in unison *Hymnal: 70*
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
 As it was in the beginning, in now and ever shall be.
 World without end, Amen, Amen.

Concerns and Announcements, Catechism Questions 1-10

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

United Methodist Teaching on Repentance in Believers *The Book of Discipline 2016: 68*

The UM Articles of Religion, Article XII: Of Sin After Justification

"Not every sin willingly committed after justification is the sin against the Holy Ghost, and unpardonable./ Wherefore, the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after justification./ After we have received the Holy Ghost, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sin, and, by the grace of God, rise again and amend our lives./ And therefore they are to be condemned who say they can no more sin as long as they live here; or deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent."

Sermon Lesson, "John the Baptist Clears a Path" Luke 3:1-22

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "The Cost of New Life" Pastor Phil Thrailkill, Interim Minister

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

Silence and Reflection on the Word of God Read and Preached

A Recorded Song: "Come to the Altar" Elevation Worship, Back of Bulletin

+A Bidding Prayer of Confession and Pardon for Cheraw First United Methodist Church . Insert

+Confessing the Faith of the Church: *The Apostles' Creed* (Ecumenical Version) ... *Hymnal: 882*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

+Dismissal with Blessing Pastor Phil Thrailkill

Postlude: "Echo Fanfare" Mary Lynn Hart

Please leave your Offering in the basket near the door as you exit. Theodore Burns: Usher

IB1. LUKE 3:1-22 "THE BEGINNING OF REVIVAL"

1:1-2:40 (L), But At 3:1 Luke Engages Mark, // Acts 10:36-38

a) vv.1-6 HEROD, JOHN'S BAPTISM, AND SCRIPTURE. [11 FACTORS IN REVIVAL]

Who Has Influence? Pyramid: Emperor/Governors/Priests, 3:1-6 = 1 Periodic Sentence//1:1-4, 5:1 Chiasm

1) vv.1-2a Dating, 7 Political & Religious Leaders. (L), //1:5, 2:1, [POLITICAL & RELIGIOUS SETTING (1)]
In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberias Caesar,/ Pontius Pilate being prefect of Judea,/ 1:80 Note, 28-29 A.D.?
 and **HEROD** being **TETRARCH** of Galilee,/ //1:52-53, 3:19, 8:3, 9:7-9, Antipas, Deposed/Banished 39A.D., Ruler Of 1/4
 and his **BROTHER** Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis,/ d. 34A.D, Undistinguished
 and Lysanius tetrarch of Abilene,/ (2) in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiphas,/ Both Out Of Office By 37A.D.
 Roman Rule(v.1a-b) + Jewish Rule(v.1c-e) + Jewish High Priests(v.2a), 5+2

2) vv.2b-6 John's Call & Baptism, Is. 40:3-5. 1:16-17, Eschatological Prophet, [A PREPARED PREACHER (2)]
 the word of God **CAME** to **JOHN**, the **SON** of Zechariah in the wilderness;/ 1:66, 76-80, Hos. 1:1, Is. 38:4, Jer. 1:1-3, 13:3
 2 and he went out into **ALL THE REGION** about the Jordan,/ History(vv.1-2a) +OT Hope(vv.2b-6)
 2' preaching a **BAPTISM** of *repentance* for the release of sins, (./) 4:18, 1:14-17, 77; 24:47, 1QS 5:13-14, Acts 1:22
 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, Bypass Temple, 4:2X? [A SCRIPTURAL PRECEDENT (3)]
 "The **VOICE** of one crying in the wilderness: Model, 1:76, 79, 7:26-27, Exodus Echoes, The End-Time Prophet
 'Prepare the way of the Lord,/ make *his paths* straight.// 1:51-53, 2:34, Mt. 3:2, Our Job, Image: Straight Paths
 Every valley shall be filled,/ and every mountain and hill shall be brought low,// 3 Couplets, Images: High/Low
 and the crooked shall be made straight,/ and the rough ways shall be made smooth,// Images: Crooked/Smooth
 'and **ALL** flesh shall see *the salvation of our God.*'// //2:30-32, Acts 28:28, Ezek. 36:25-26, Promise (Lk. 1:79. 2:32)
 //7:26-38, *Multitudes* (vv.7a, 10)/ *people* (vv.15, 18)) Are A Literary Technique In Gk. Novels

b) vv.7-9 JOHN'S PREACHING 1: FRUITFUL REPENTANCE, THE FIRE OF JUDGMENT.

1. He said *therefore* to the *multitudes* that came out to be *baptized* by him, *oun*, (Q) Mt. 3:7-10, Large Responses
 "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Is. 13:9, 59:5 [GOD'S WRATH (4)]

2.a Bear *fruits* that befit repentance, pl. *fruits*, Conversion, Life Before God, Acts 26:20 [CALL TO REPENTANCE (5)]
 b and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have *Abraham* as our father'; Interior v. Inherited, Radical!
 b' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to *Abraham*. Contra Jews, Is. 51:1-2

a' Even now the axe is laid to the root of the tree; p.v., Rom. 2:6-8, Not Cedars Of Lebanon, But Israel, Radical Act
 every tree therefore that does not bear good *fruit* is cut down and thrown into the **FIRE**." 6:43-45, 13:6-9, 20:9-18
 //Ezek. 36:25-26, Acts 2:37, Present Order Is Under God's Threat, Rhetorical Q/A, Mal 4:1

c) vv.10-14 JOHN ANSWERS 3 QUESTIONS: \$. [COUNSEL/ SOCIAL JUSTICE (6)]

Q1 1. And the *multitudes* asked him, "What *then* shall we do?" (L), //10:25, 18:18, Hearts Stirred, Acts 2:37
 And he said, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; 6:32-34, Haves/Have Nots
 And he who has food, let him do likewise." 2 Items/v.14, 1 Tim. 6:8, James 2:15-17

Q2 2. Toll collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "*Teacher*, what shall we do?"
 And he said, "Collect no more than is appointed you." 1 Item, cf. 19:1-10, No Extortion

Q3 2' Soldiers also asked him, "*And we*, what shall we do?" cf. 7:1-10. Jewish Soldiers Protect Toll Stations:
 And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or false accusation, 2 Items, Shock System, No Plunder
 and be content with your wages." 2 Items, Apolitical, Justice + Compassion = What It Is To Bear Fruit
 New People Included, Dialog, God's Presence Reveals & Judges, Questions Arise

b') vv.15-18 JOHN'S PREACHING 2: END-TIME SAVIOR, FIRE OF JUDGMENT.

1 As the *people* were in expectation, and **ALL** men questioned in their hearts concerning John, Q//Mt. 3:11-12
 whether perhaps he was the Messiah, John answered them **ALL**, 7:18, Climax Of *Synkresis*, v.16b-c (4:2 X)

2 "I *baptize* you with water;/ but he who is mightier than I is coming,/ //Ezek. 36:26-27, [PREACHING JESUS (7)]
 the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie,// he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with **FIRE**./
 2' His winnowing shovel is in his hand to clear his threshing floor,/ and to gather the wheat into his granary,/
 but the chaff/ he will burn with unquenchable **FIRE**."// 1QS 4:20-21, CD 2:12. Mt. 3:12, Psalm 1 Acts 2:1ff.

1' So with many other *exhortations*, he preached good news to the *people*. *men oun*, 4:18,43; 7:22, Good News?
 v.18 = Lk. Summary, John Separates (Winnows) With Fork; Jesus Disposes With Shovel, vv.16b-c = 4:2 X,

a') vv.19-22 HEROD, JOHN'S ARREST, JESUS' BAPTISM, PRAYER & PORTENTS, Is. 42:7.
 vv.19-20 Deliberately Out Of Chronological Order//vv.1-6, Rhetoric = Royal Reproach, Ant. 18.5.2.116-119

1) vv.19-20 Political Leader & John's Imprisonment. 3 Acts, Lev. 18:16, 20:21 [BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHICS (8)]
 Now **HEROD** the **TETRARCH**, who had been *reproved* by him for Herodias, his **BROTHER'S** wife,/ Niece [PRICE (9)]
 and for **ALL** the evil things that Herod had done, (20) added **ALL** this to them,/ that he shut up **JOHN** in prison.//
 Egeneto de, Power For Service, Battle (4:1-13), Prayer Setting, Vision + Audition (//1:10, 2:37), //2:13, 10:11

2) vv.21-22 Jesus' Baptism & Call, Is. 41, 42:1, 44:2, 61:1, Ps. 2:7. [PRESENCE: JESUS CHRIST(10)]
 Now it happened when **ALL THE PEOPLE** were **BAPTIZED**,/ and when Jesus had been baptized and was praying,/
 the heaven was opened¹,/ (22) and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove,² [3 Portents, SPIRIT(11)]
 and a **VOICE** **CAME** from heaven,³ "Thou art my **SON**, the Beloved,/ with thee I am well pleased."//

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