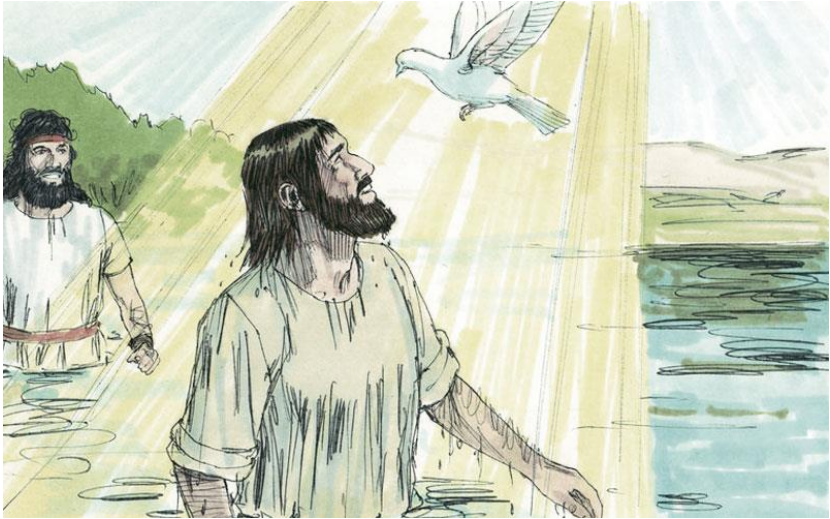


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## GUEST MUSICIAN – TOM HANSON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: **“Wade in the Water”** Mark Hayes

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: A voice of power and majesty calls out to us:  
I am your God; I have called you in righteousness.

**MANY: We are amazed that God knows us and calls us.  
By God’s breath and spirit, we receive life.**

One: God takes us by the hand and leads us. In  
covenant with God, we extend light to the world.

**MANY: Eyes are opened and prisoners are freed.  
Justice and peace prevail, by God’s strength.**

One: Worship with joy and give glory to God’s name.  
Listen for the new things God declares.

**MANY: We remember that when we are baptized,  
we are invited to live as one like Jesus.**

\*OPENING HYMN: **NCH 85 “I Woke Up This Morning”**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**Come, Holy Spirit, to dwell in us and among us. Make  
us more than dimly burning wicks, that we might share  
enough light to make a difference in your world.**

**Where there is injustice, help us as we work to show  
our compassion that others may do likewise. Show us  
again the new possibilities you have in mind for us.  
May we reflect your peace amid the frantic busy pace  
of the marketplace. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA: NCH 759**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,  
Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 42:1-9 Lay Liturgist**

**RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29 Page 638**

**EPISTLE READING: Acts 10:34-43 Lay Liturgist**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: "Deep River" Mark Hayes**

**Duet: Nancy Eisenhower and Trombonist Tom Hanson**

**TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:**

**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:13-17**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**SERMON:**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 416 "I Will Trust in the Lord"**

**PASTORAL PRAYER: Beginning with silent, personal prayer**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed  
be your name. Your kingdom come; Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our  
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 769**

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY: **“Shall We Gather at the River”**

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

\*DOXOLOGY: **NCH 780**

**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. Amen.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You  
have given us life, and new life in Christ. As you have  
given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts  
to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived.  
Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN: **NCH 524 “This Little Light”**

\*BENEDICTION:

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: **NCH 809**

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

\*POSTLUDE: **“Festive March in D”** W. Rebikoff