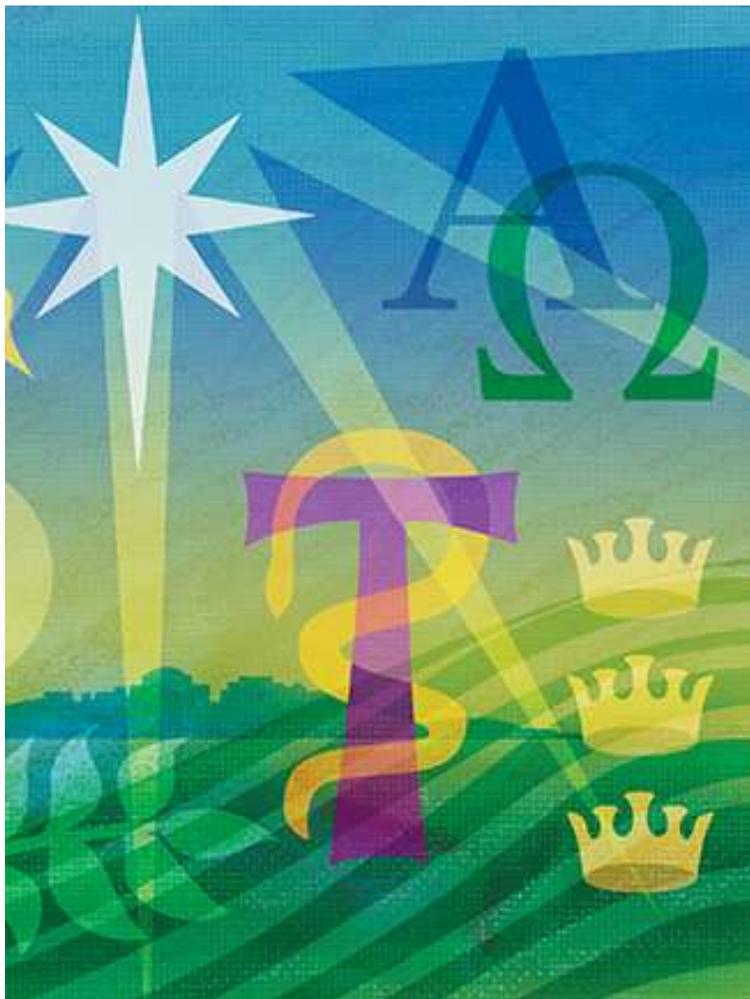


**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO**

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for their deep spirituality and
honouring of the Creator and the creation.**

**May we live with respect in God's creation
and in harmony with our neighbours.**



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Baptism of Jesus

Welcome to all.

*May this time of worship touch our hearts and minds
and offer hope and promise for the days to come*

PRELUDE: Chorale Prelude on “When Christ, Our Lord,
to the Jordan Came” J.S. Bach

CHOIR INTROIT: “The Baptism of Christ” Andrew March

WELCOME

LIFE and ACTION of the COMMUNITY OF FAITH

HYMN: VU100¹ “When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized”

When Jesus comes to be baptized,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of humankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame,
and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound injustice dealt,
and out of death his triumph make.

O Spirit help us be like Christ:
to live in love and charity,
to walk in truth and justice now,
and grow in Christian dignity.

We praise you, God, source of all life,
we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift;
your triune presence fills our world.

PRAYER OF APPROACH²

Gracious God,
as we thank you for the precious gift of life,
we are aware of how time slips thorough
our fingers.

Caught up in yesterday’s dreams and
tomorrow’s hopes,
we could so easily pass by the opportunities of today.

Grant us courage to meet the challenges of this day,
this year, this time in history,
motivated by the vision of your reign,
which is coming into being every moment. Amen

TIME for the YOUNG AT HEART

CHOIR ANTHEM: “This Baptizing Day”

arr. by William Pasch

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 19: 1-7

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1: 1-11

REFLECTION: “*The Ahas of Life*”

HYMN: VU84³ “O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word”

O radiant Christ, incarnate Word,
eternal love revealed in time:
come, make your home within our
hearts, that we may dwell in light sublime.

Our bartered, busy lives burn dim,
too tired to care, too numb to feel.
Come, shine upon our shadowed world:
your radiance bathes with power to heal.

Your glory shone at Jordan's stream,
the font where we were born anew.
Attune your church to know you near;
illumine all we say and do.

O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
as stars once led the way to you.

PASTORAL PRAYER LORD'S PRAYER (VU914)

HYMN: VU82⁴ "A Light Is Gleaming"

Refrain:

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.

When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. R

When night is round us and every shadow grows,
a star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
'God's light will ever stay.' R

And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
and this will be a sign: R

So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze,
- warming all our days. R

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude on "When Christ, Our Lord,
to the Jordan Came" Dietrich Buxtehude

Leading in worship today are Rev. Joanna MacQuarrie, Robert Grandy, Minister of Music, Marjorie Shephard, Worship Leader, Covid Choristers are Dave Freeman, Margaret Marris, Barb Diceman, Wendy Price-Brown, Glynis Hilton-Devitt and Karla Buckborough.

Credits:

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⁵ Ivan Gregan, *Gathering*, ACE, 2020-21, 20.

*Food for Thought*⁵

Where was the most challenging place you have ever been to in your life or when was the most challenging time? When did you begin to 'see the light' or to discover a new perspective on life? When have you experienced the dawning of a new day?

TODAY'S MUSIC

PRELUDES: On this Sunday when we celebrate the "Baptism of the Lord", you will hear two settings of Martin Luther's hymn "When Christ, Our Lord, to the Jordan Came", both by J.S. Bach. In the first prelude the tune is heard plainly in the pedals while the waters of the Jordan are represented by the continuous flow of sixteenth notes in the left hand. The right hand presents a short four-note motif

suggesting the sign of the (baptismal) cross. Bach's second version is for manuals alone and comes across as the little brother or sister of its bigger and grander sibling. The tune is heard somewhat hidden at first in the tenor range while the other parts weave around it. Eventually the tune makes its way to the soprano voice, with the left hand playing Bach's usual imaginative counterpoint.

INTROIT: British composer Andrew March has written a set of short musical prayers taken from the Church of England's *Common Worship*.

The appropriately-titled "The Baptism of Christ" is one such example - short and with beautiful contemporary harmonies.

Heavenly Saviour, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord, and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

ANTHEM: "This Baptizing Day" is a setting of the famous folk hymn "Down to the River to Pray", with a text focusing on Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan. The text is based on Martin Luther's *Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came*.

*Jesus went down to the Jordan one day, his Father's calling to obey.
Then John baptized him, and the Lord God said, "This is the way!
This is my own dear son, Follow him; his work's begun.
Sin's drowned, the victory's won! River, wash guilt away!"*

*This water flows as the promise of grace for all God's children in this place,
It's not our doing; Christ has done it all. Give God the praise!
Now let this flood of love wash us clean, all fear remove.
From earth to heaven above, loud thanksgiving we raise!*

*When I go down to the river to pray, thinking on my baptizing day, the Holy Spirit tells me I'm newborn, Old Sin, away!
My saviour died for me. Resurrection set us free,
Grace reigns eternally, through this baptizing day!*

POSTLUDE: Another chorale prelude on "When Christ, Our Lord to the Jordan Came" - this one by the early German Baroque composer Dietrich Buxtehude. The highly decorated melody is accompanied by short rising and falling motifs in the left hand and pedal, imitating the lines of the hymn.

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Sunday, January 17 at 11 AM
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Time to catch up with each other.
We hope to see you there!

