



“Remember”

Mark 1:4-11

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All Are Welcome!

PRELUDE

Spirit of Prayer

Lawrence Rappoldt

WELCOME/INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

VIDEO

Celebration of Grace

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork 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."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMS

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ: through the sacrament of baptism God's Spirit has been poured out upon water, water poured over 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.

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

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

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

**People: We accept the freedom and power God gives us
To resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves.**

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

**People: 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!**

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

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

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

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

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

People: Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

People: Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Come upon these waters.

People: Come upon these waters.

Leader: Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.
People: **Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.**

Leader: Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.
People: **Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.**

Leader: Most Holy God, Abba, Father!
Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!
Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!
Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!
People: **All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!**

Leader: Rejoice in the water. Remember that you are baptized, and be faithful!

HYMN ***Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God #604*** Lawrence Rappoldt

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pat Moore

TIME OF PRAYER

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY UMH #429 Pat Moore

O God, keep our whole country under your protection.
Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of sorrow, O Lord, our shining light.
Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations.
Bless us with your wisdom, so that the poor may not be oppressed and the rich may not be oppressors. Make this a nation having no ruler except God, a nation having no authority but that of Love. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE Hymnal #485 Lawrence Rappoldt

Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER FOR OUR LEADERS UM Discipleship.org Cheryl Faust

O God we have become like a ship that has lost its compass.
Grant wisdom and peace to our national leaders, and guide them to seek a common vision for our common good. When solutions seem impossible, show them the way. Where there are differences, let your love prevail. Heal our divisions and heal our land, we pray. Amen.

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TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER FOR PEACE UM BOW #521 Renay Oberholtzer

Remember, Prince of Peace, the peoples of the world divided into many nations and tongues. Deliver us from every evil that obstructs your saving purpose, and fulfill your promises of old to establish your kingdom of peace.

From the curse of war and all that creates it—deliver us, O Lord.
From narrow loyalties and selfish isolation—deliver us, O Lord.
From fear and distrust of other nations, from all false pride, vainglory, and self-conceit—deliver us, O Lord.
From the lust of the mighty for riches, that drives peaceful people to slaughter—deliver us, O Lord.
From putting our trust in the weapons of war, and from want of faith in the power of justice and good will—deliver us, O Lord.
From every thought, word, and deed that divides the human family and separates us from the perfect realization of your love—deliver us, O Lord. Amen.

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VIDEO **Prayer of St. Francis**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
 OFFERTORY *Peaceful Interlude* Lawrence Rappoldt

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further your work in a dark world. May they bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness, pain, and loneliness. Accept these gifts of money and time, indeed, the gift of our very selves. Let them shine for all to see, and be brought into the sphere of your love and righteousness.

PRAYER FOR THE MIND OF CHRIST UM BOW #514
Let us remember Jesus:

 Who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us. Who was content to be subject to his parents, the child of a poor couple's home. Who lived for thirty years the common life, earning his living with his own hands and declining no humble task. Whom the people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.

Let us remember Jesus:

 Who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and the disordered, using for others the powers he would not invoke for himself. Who refused to force people's allegiance. Who was the Master and Lord to his disciples yet was among them as their companion and as one who served. Whose desire was to do the will of God who sent him.

Let us remember Jesus:

 Who loved people, yet retired from them to pray, rose a great while before day, watched through the night, stayed in the wilderness, went up into a mountain, sought a garden. Who, when he would help a tempted disciple, prayed for him. Who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him, and for the perfecting of those who re-

ceived him Who observed the traditions, but defied convention that did to serve the purposes of God. Who hated the sins of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and impurity. Let us remember Jesus:

Who believed in people and never despaired of them. Who through all disappointment never lost heart. Who disregarded his own comfort and convenience, and thought first of others' needs, and though he suffered long, was always kind. Who, when he was reviled, uttered no harsh word in return, and when he suffered, did not threaten retaliation. Who humbled himself and carried obedience to the point of death, even death on the cross, wherefore God has highly exalted him.

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER (In unison)

**ALL: I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth #421* Lawrence Rappoldt

+BENEDICTION

Leader: May Christ dwell in our hearts.

**People: O Christ, our only Savior,
So come to dwell in us that we may go forth
with the light of your hope in our eyes,
and with your faith and love in our hearts. Amen.**

Leader: Now go, go in peace for the peace of Christ goes with you.

POSTLUDE *It is Well* Lawrence Rappoldt

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

PASTOR Rev. Shauna K. Ridge
MUSIC Lawrence Rappoldt

LITURGIST Dave Davis
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pat Moore
TECH TEAM Josh Dwyer
 Terry Moore
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USHER 1 Wayne Barrows
USHER 2 Pete Scotti
TEMP TAKER Meg Rappoldt
ATTENDANCE Irene Farra
FLOATER Hannah Smith