

January 14, 2024
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Mr. Kevin Crone

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Water.

All people: Refreshing, cleansing, nourishing, lifegiving...

Pastor: Water.

All people: Dangerous, powerful, life-threatening...

Pastor: Water.

*All people: The waters rush over us in our baptism and are filled with the Holy Spirit.
Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

All people: God of living waters, we thirst for your presence. Fount of every blessing, come among us now as the rain greens the earth, that our spirits might draw life from you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessings (Verse 1 & 2)

Chalice #16

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: Martin Luther, that 16th century German Protestant Reformer, once said, "We must hold boldly and fearlessly to our baptism, and hold it up against all sins and terrors of conscience and humbly say, I know full well that I have not a single work which is pure, but I am baptized, and through my baptism, God who cannot lie, has bound himself in a covenant with me, not to count my sin against me, but to slay it and blot it out." Believing in this truth, let us confess.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: O God, we hear your voice, and we see The Way of Jesus set before us. But its hard, dear God, to try again and again to live up to our baptismal vows and maintain our resolve to be your people in the world. In repentance we ask you to forgive us. Set us once again on a holy path that leads to you. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, God hears our prayers and set before us the Way of Jesus. God calls us and gives us enough grace and mercy to follow The Way.

References

Assurance of Forgiveness – written by Darlene A. Moore, *The Africana Worship Book for Year B*, Discipleship Resources, 2007, p. 147.

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