Jan. 9, 2022

PRELUDE, OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP IN SONG

SONG: “Living Waters”[[1]](#footnote-1)

Verse 1: Are you thirsty; Are you empty; Come and drink these living waters; Tired and broken; Peace unspoken; Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2: Christ is calling; Find refreshing; At the cross of living waters; Lay your life down; All the old gone; Rise up in these living water

Chorus: There's a river that flows; With mercy and love; Bringing joy to the city of our God; There our hope is secure; Do not fear anymore; Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3: Spirit moving; Mercy washing; Healing in these living waters; Lead your children; To the shoreline; Life is in these living waters

Verse 4: Are you thirsty; Are you empty; Come and drink these living waters; Love forgiveness; Vast and boundless; Christ He is our living waters

Ending: There our hope is secure; Do not fear anymore; Praise the Lord of living waters

SONG: “River of Dreams” by Billy Joel

SONG: “Step by Step”[[2]](#footnote-2)

***O God You are my God; And I will ever praise You; O God You are my God; And I will ever praise You; I will seek You in the morning; And I will learn to walk in Your ways; And step by step You'll lead me; And I will follow You all of my days***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

Holy God, we pause now to wonder at the gift of your self-revelation given to us as grace in manifestations of all kinds… Receive our prayers today as we turn to you in gratitude and love. For, we easily forget your life in the midst of our lives, your abiding spirit breathing within us, uniting us with your eternal purposes. Though we forget, you do not. You are faithful and true. And so, we ask that through our worship you would renew us in faith by the knowledge of your goodness and mercy. Amen

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord,

 he who created you, O Jacob,

 he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

 I have called you by name, you are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

 and the flame shall not consume you.

3 For I am the Lord your God,

 the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

4 Because you are precious in my sight,

 and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

 nations in exchange for your life.

5 Do not fear, for I am with you;

 I will bring your offspring from the east,

 and from the west I will gather you;

6 I will say to the north, ‘Give them up’,

 and to the south, ‘Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

 and my daughters from the end of the earth—

7 everyone who is called by my name,

 whom I created for my glory,

 whom I formed and made.’

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16John 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. 17His 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.’

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22and 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.’

SERMON

HYMN: #167 Mark, How the Lamb of God’s Self Offering” (New Century Hymnal)

JOYS & CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, LORD’S PRAYER

 Lord, in your mercy… **Hear our prayers.**

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\*SONG: “Down to the River to Pray”

Verse 1: As I went down in the river to pray; Studyin' about that good ole way; And who shall wear the starry crown; Good Lord show me the way

Chorus: Oh sisters (brothers sinners) let's go down; Let's go down come on down; Oh sisters (brothers sinners) let's go down; Down in the river to pray

Verse 2: As I went down in the river to pray; Studyin' about that good ole way; And who shall wear the robe and crown; Good Lord show me the way

Verse 3: As I went down in the river to pray; Studyin' about that good ole way; And who shall wear the starry crown; Good Lord show me the way

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF!**

Many thanks for your generous gifts! Your love and support mean so much to us all and make it a joy to be in ministry with you. Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

PRAYER LIST

*To add to our prayer list please email Pastor Tim with a brief description of your prayer. Please indicate if you would like the prayer to be listed on an ongoing basis.* tim.hare@trumbullcc.org.

Rita & Bob Bennett, Pastor Tim’s Aunt & Uncle, experiencing health concerns

John, Sarah, and Ryan Tyler, grieving the loss of Beth

The family of Rich Ciliberti, including Wendy Corris, grieving his loss

Chip Warren, recovering from surgery

Mitchel Archer, continued recovery and help with new prostheses

Santiago Alfonso, (lives in our parsonage,) recovering from a severe seizure.

Muirgheal Coffin, continued struggles with her seizure disorder

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