

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS WELCOMING STATEMENT

Drawn together by the loving grace of God, we of Quapaw Quarter United Methodist Church believe that there are no inherent barriers to living in relationship with Christ. We welcome into our faith community people of all ages, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, physical and mental abilities, economic means, and family structures.

OPENING SONG “In These Waters”

by Bobby Williamson

1. You are my beloved child
You are so precious to me
Come to the waters
Let the Spirit set you free

CHORUS 1

**In these waters we'll be made whole
In these water restore my weary soul
In these waters
We'll be made whole**

2. Proclaim release to the captives
And bring good news to the poor
The deaf will hear, the lame will walk,
the blind will see
An everlasting jubilee.

CHORUS 1

**In these waters we'll be made whole
In these water restore my weary soul
In these waters**

CHORUS 2

**Let righteousness flow
like an unending stream
Let justice roll down for the ones suffering
Give bread to the hungry,
good news to the poor
Give rest to the weary and peace evermore**

CHORUS 1 & 2 ALTERNATING

ENDING TAG

In these waters, in these waters,
We'll be made whole

UMH 605 “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” *Words: Ruth Duck, 1989. Music: B.F. White 1844.*

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling,
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them, send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.

2. We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares.
One with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

3. O how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born
By your grace our lives we offer.
Re-create us; God, transform!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer Taizé Community, 1991.

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer,
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me.**

PRAYER LIST

Illness or Adversity Roger, Jim and Bobbi,
Angie and Ryan and family; Karl; Kim; Linda;
Mark; Carl; Austin; Avis; Drew; Clyde;
Michael & Carol; John; Martha; Robert;
Josh and family; Wendell; Nola & Bob; Terry;
Sandy; Tony

Homebound Alloyse, Jean, Bettie, Audrey
Clairetta, Dorothy

SCRIPTURE – Mark 1:4-11

SERMON - "Attending a Baptism"
Rev. Kurt Boggan

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

*Brothers and sisters in Christ:
Through the Sacrament of Baptism
we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.
We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of
salvation and given new birth through water
and the Spirit.*

*All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.
Through the reaffirmation of our faith
we renew the covenant declared at our
baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for
us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy
Church.*

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Since the earliest times, the vows of the
Baptismal Covenant have consisted first of the
renunciation of all that is evil and then the
profession of faith and loyalty to Christ.*

*On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of
wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?*

I do.

*Do you accept the freedom and power God
gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?*

I do.

*Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has
opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?*

I do.

*According to the grace given to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's
holy Church and serve as Christ's
representatives in the world?
I will.*

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*The Lord be with you.
And also with you.*

Let us pray.

*Eternal Father:
When nothing existed but chaos,
you swept across the dark waters
and brought forth light.*

*In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark
through water. After the flood you set in the
clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people
as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom
through the sea. Their children you brought
through the Jordan to the land which you
promised.*

****Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell of God's mercy each day.**

*In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,
nurtured in the water of a womb.
He was baptized by John and anointed by your
Spirit. He called his disciples
to share in the baptism of his death and
resurrection and to make disciples of all
nations.*

**Declare Christ's works to the nations,
his glory among all the people.**

*Pour out your Holy Spirit,
and by this gift of water call to our
remembrance
the grace declared to us in our baptism.*

*For you have washed away our sins,
and you clothe us with righteousness
throughout our lives,
that dying and rising with Christ
we may share in his final victory.*

**All praise to you, Eternal Father,
through your Son Jesus Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Remember your baptism and be
thankful. Amen.*

*The Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the
Spirit, you may live as faithful disciples of
Jesus Christ. Amen.*

THANKSGIVING

*Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our
covenant God.*

**We give thanks for all that God has already
given us. As members of the body of Christ
and in this congregation of The United
Methodist Church, we will faithfully
participate in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our
service and our witness that in everything
God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace,
who has called us to eternal glory in Christ,
establish and strengthen you
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
that you may live in grace and peace.

CLOSING SONG "From This Valley"

Words & Music: John Paul White, Joy Williams, Phil Madeira

1. Oh, the desert dreams of a river
That will run down to the sea
Like my heart longs for an ocean
To wash down over me.

CHORUS

***Oh, won't you take me from this valley
To that mountain high above?
I will pray, pray, pray
Until I see your smiling face.
I will pray, pray, pray
To the one I love.***

2. Oh, the outcast dreams of acceptance,
Just to find pure love's embrace
Like an orphan longs for his mother.
May you hold me in your grace.

***Won't you take me from this valley
To that mountain high above?
I will pray, pray, pray
Until I see your smiling face.
I will pray, pray, pray
To the one I love.***

3. Oh, the caged bird dreams of a strong wind
That will flow 'neath her wings.
Like a voice longs for a melody,
Oh, Jesus carry me.

***Won't you take me from this valley
To that mountain high above?
I will pray, pray, pray
Until I see your smiling face.
I will pray, pray, pray
To the one I love. (2x)***

I will pray, pray, pray
Until I see your smiling face...
I will pray, pray, pray
To the one I love....

BENEDICTION

**I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom
you will; put me to doing, put me to
suffering; let me be employed for you, or
laid aside for you, exalted for you, or
brought low for you;
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine
and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant
now made on earth, let it be ratified in
heaven. Amen.**