

First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino, Baptism of our Lord, January 10, 2021

**Welcome**

**Congregational Meeting**

**Prelude**

*William Zeitler*

**Call to Worship**

Exciting God, Glorious God

*Baptize us with wonder.*

Wise God, Righteous God

*Baptize us with justice.*

Holy God, covenant God

*Baptize us with love.*

**Hymn: Here I Am, Lord<sup>1</sup>**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry, All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? *Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart.* I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain, I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send? *Here I am, Lord . . .* I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to the. Whom shall I send? *Here I am, Lord. . .*

**Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him,

"Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

**Reflection**

*Sandy Tice*

**Remember your Baptism**

*(If you would like to remember your Baptism with water, we invite you to have before you a small pitcher or glass and bowl to pour water or a small bowl of water to touch.)*

**Prayer<sup>2</sup>**

**Ordaining and Installing New Leaders**

to the Office of Elder: Mary Bolaños, Jeanne Clark, Mark Freeman, Susan Skoglund, Alex Smith, Tim Usher  
to the Office of Deacon: Mark Adelson, \*Rebecca Allen, Carmen Avila, \*Sharon Landeros, Joyce Lyons, \*Joanna Nord, Chris Thomas

**Opening Statement**

**Scriptural Authority**

**Questions**

Of those to be ordained or installed

Of the congregation *(and officers: listen as your church family recognizes your gifts and your call)*

Do we, the members of the church, accept **Mary, Jeanne, Mark, Susan, Alex, and Tim** as ruling elders, and accept **Mark, Carmen, Rebecca, Sharon, Joyce, and Joanna, and Chris** as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

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<sup>2</sup> UMCdiscipleship.org

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Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church?

**Blessing**

*[The officers will be blessed by the congregation. We invite congregation members to put their left hand over their heart and hold their right hand out in blessing.*

*The incoming officers may cross hands over their chest for their blessing.]*

**Prayers of Ordination and Installation**

By the Pastor

By those to be ordained or installed

Gracious God, you have chosen me. Now give me strength, wisdom, and love to preach the gospel at all times.

By the congregation

- ✘ God of grace, you call us all to follow you. Help us to put your call at the center of our lives. Give us courage and discipline to follow where these servants lead us; so that our life together will speak of the love of Jesus. Amen.

**Declaration**

You are now elders and deacons in the Church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation.  
Welcome to this ministry.

**Response: Take, O, Take Me as I Am**<sup>3</sup>

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.  
Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me, live in me.

**Morning Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer**

- ✘ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me**<sup>4</sup>

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**Charge and Benediction**

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