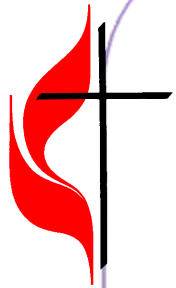


# **Cheverly United Methodist Church**





# Sunday Morning Worship

10 am

2801 Cheverly Ave

Cheverly, MD 20785



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# January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Baptism  
of the  
Lord



# Praise Time

*Brian Frye, piano*

*“What a Mighty God We  
Serve”*

*TFWS 2021*

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*What a mighty God we serve,*

*what a mighty God we serve;*

*what a mighty God we serve,*

*what a mighty God we serve!*

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*Let us sing and praise the Lord,*

*let us sing and praise the Lord;*

*let us sing and praise the Lord,*

*let us sing and praise the Lord!*

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*Let us shout and praise his name*

*let us shout and praise his name;*

*let us shout and praise his name,*

*let us shout and praise his name!*

*What a mighty God we serve,  
what a mighty God we serve;  
what a mighty God we serve,  
what a mighty God we serve!*



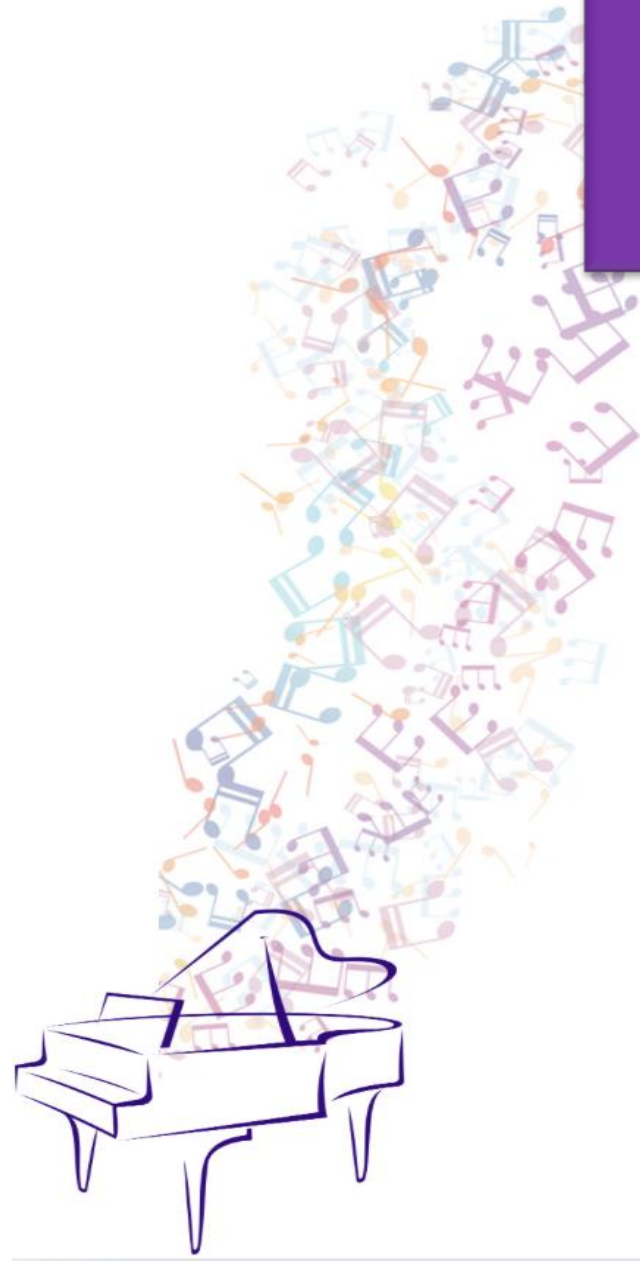


# Praise Time

*Brian Frye, piano*

*“More Precious Than  
Silver”*

TFWS 2065



*Lord,*

*You are more precious than silver;*

*Lord,*

*You are more costly than gold.*



*Lord,*

*You are more beautiful than*

*diamonds,*

*And nothing I desire*

*compares with You.*



# Welcome!



Rev. Dr. Miguel Balderas  
Pastor

Good Morning

Buenos Dias

Magandang Umaga Po

Ohayou



*Come to the waters.*

*We gather at the river.*

*Come to the waters.*

*The waters of grace flow over us.*

*Come to the waters.*

*We are washed in God's love.*

*Come to the waters.*

*We are God's beloved children.*

# Prayer of Invocation

~Liturgist

*God of strength, God of love,  
surround us with your love.*

*Gather us in as your  
beloved children.*

*Open our ears to hear your voice.*



# Prayer of Invocation

~Liturgist

*Open our hearts to the power of your  
transforming love.*

*May your waters of grace pour over us,  
renewing us for your work in the world.*

*Bless us in this holy time.            Amen*

# Scripture Reading

~ Liturgist

*Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22*

*Acts 8:14-17*



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Luke 3

<sup>15</sup> The interest of the people by now was building. They were all beginning to wonder, “Could this John be the Messiah?”

16-17 But John intervened: “I’m baptizing you here in the river. The main character in this drama, to whom I’m a mere stagehand, will ignite the kingdom life, a fire, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out. He’s going to clean house—make a clean sweep of your lives. He’ll place everything true in its proper place before God; everything false he’ll put out with the trash to be burned.”



21-22 After all the people were baptized, Jesus was baptized. As he was praying, the sky opened up and the Holy Spirit,

like a dove descending, came down on him. And along with the Spirit, a voice: “You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life.”

# Acts 8

14-17 When the apostles in Jerusalem received the report that Samaria had accepted God's Message, they sent Peter and John down to pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. Up to this point they had only been baptized in the name of the Master Jesus; the Holy Spirit hadn't yet fallen on them. Then the apostles laid their hands on them and they did receive the Holy Spirit.







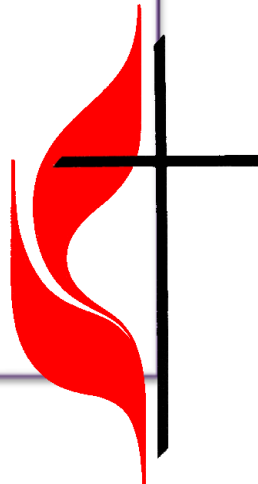
**The Word of God for  
the People of God!**

**Thanks be to God!**

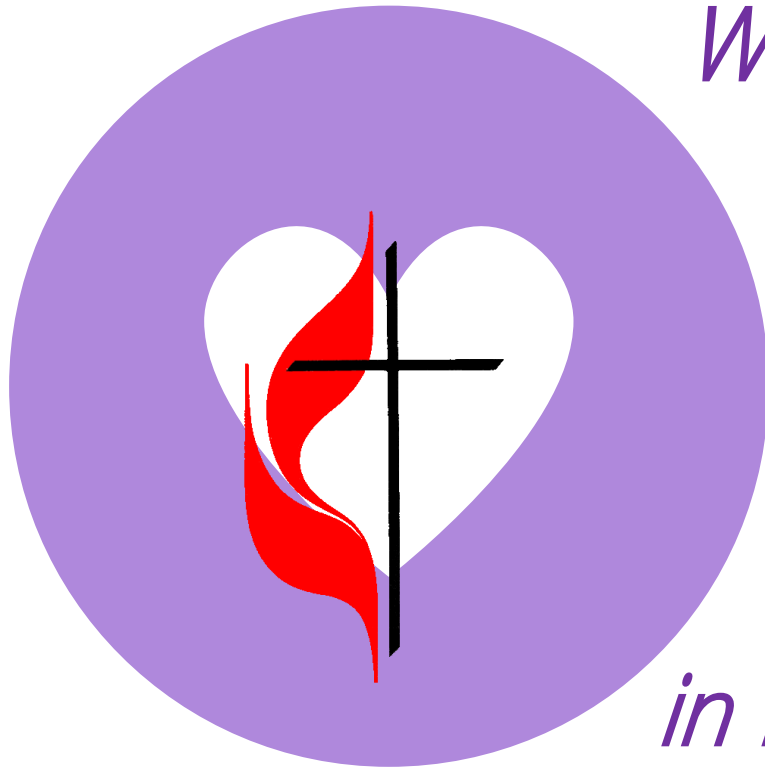
# Cheverly UMC's Mission

*To show Christ's love for us by:*

-  *Welcoming all,*
-  *Worshipping joyfully*
-  *Sharing our faith, and*
-  *Serving others.*



# Cheverly UMC's Vision



*We are the church  
in the heart of  
the community,  
with the community  
in its heart.*



# Children's Moment





# Hymn of Preparation

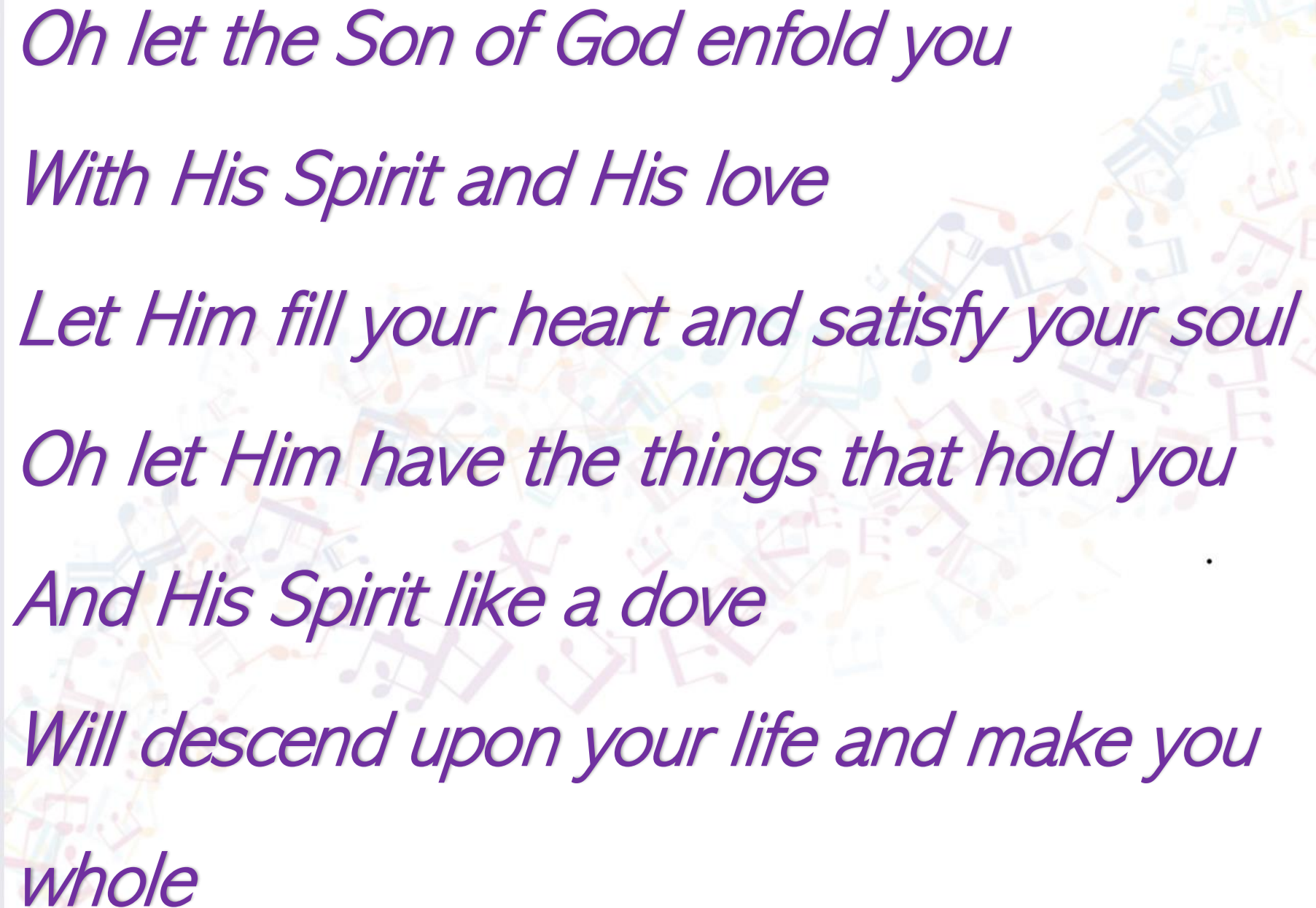
The Sanctuary Choir

Brian Frye, Piano

*“Spirit Song”*

UMH 347



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*Oh let the Son of God enfold you  
With His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul  
Oh let Him have the things that hold you  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you  
whole*

[Chorus]

*Jesus, oh Jesus*

*Come and fill Your lambs*

*Jesus, oh Jesus*

*Come and fill Your lambs*

*Oh come and sing this song with gladness*

*As your hearts are filled with joy*

*Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His*

*name*

*Oh give Him all your tears and sadness*

*Give Him all your years of pain*

*And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name*

[Chorus]

*Jesus, oh Jesus*

*Come and fill Your lambs*

*Jesus, oh Jesus*

*Come and fill Your lambs*





# Sermon: Jesus was Baptized!



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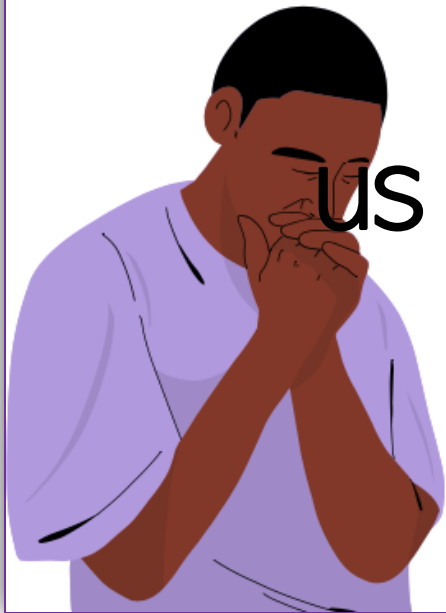


# The Lord's Prayer

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And now we pray, as  
Jesus taught

us in our own language:



*Our Father,  
who art in heaven...  
(que estas en los cielos)...*

*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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,*

*and the power, and the glory,*

*forever. **Amen***

# Tithes and Offerings



*Loving God,*

*you bless us with your love.*

*You know each one of us.*

*We live in confidence and trust,*

*knowing your care for us.*



*We bring these gifts to you,  
our source of life.*

*Use them, we pray,  
that others may experience your  
grace and live free from fear.*

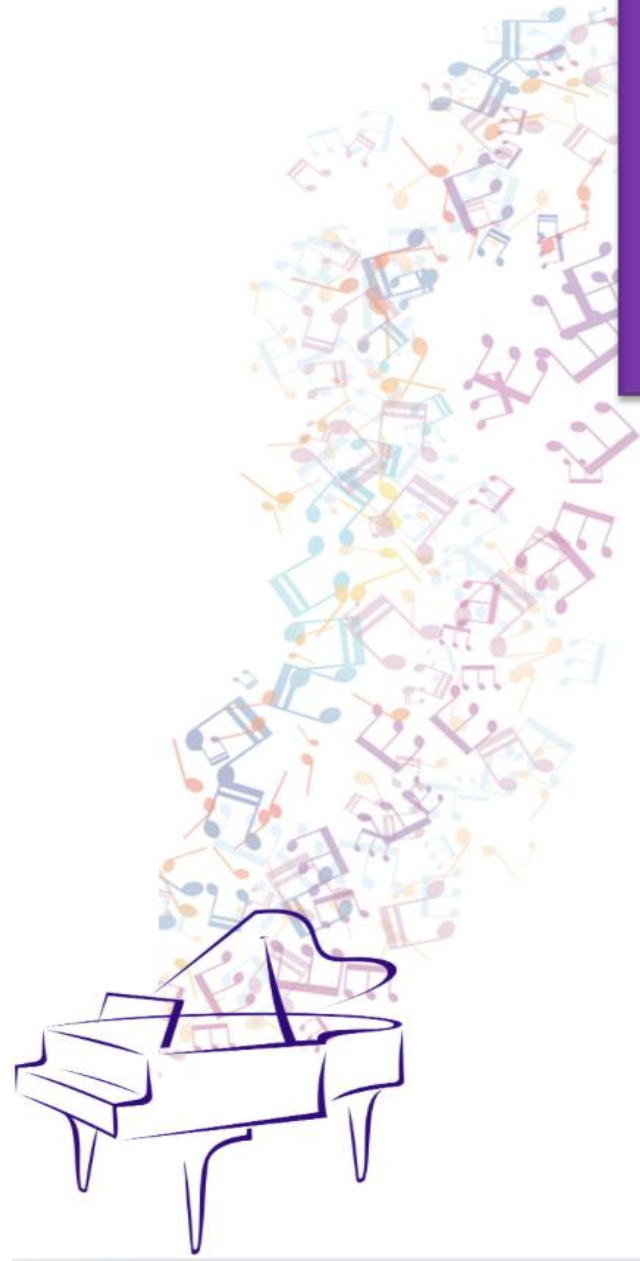
*Amen*

# Offertory

Sheilla Miller, soloist

*“I Was There to Hear  
Your Bournning Cry”*

*John C. Ylvisaker*



# DOXOLOGY



**Praise God**

***from whom all blessings flow.***

***Praise God all creatures here below.***

***Praise God above ye heavenly Host.***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

**Amen**

# Announcements



# **Cheverly UMC's Bible Study**

**Starting this Wednesday, January 8th  
7:00-8:30pm**



**Check Realm for more information  
& to access to the virtual meeting link.**



**Cheverly UMC's**

# **Chili Supper**



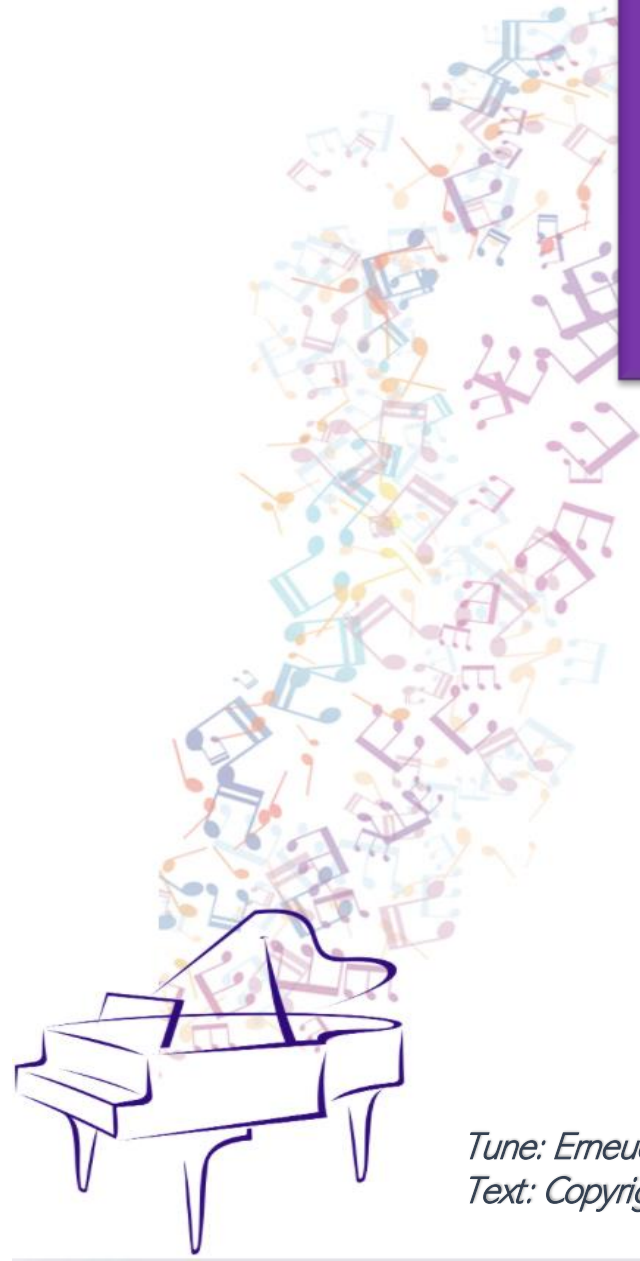
# Affirmation Hymn

Brian Frye

Piano

## *Down by the Jordan*

*Tune: Erneueren Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665 ("Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty") (MIDI)  
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*Down by the Jordan, a prophet named*

*John was baptizing,*

*Preaching a message the people found*

*bold and surprising:*

*"God will forgive! Show that you'll change*

*how you live!*

*Surely God's new day is rising!"*

*There by the river, the crowd came with  
great expectation:*

*"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to  
rescue our nation?"*

*"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier  
than I*

*Judges and offers salvation."*

*Jesus, you went to be baptized along  
with the others,*

*Taking your place among sinners, God's  
lost sons and daughters.*

*Then with great love, God's Spirit came  
as a dove!*

*Your work began in those waters.*



*Here in the Church, we are baptized and  
filled with God's Spirit.*

*Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with  
joy! Can you hear it?*

*This is God's sign! This is how God says,  
"You're mine!"*



*Let's take the good news and share it!*



# Sending Forth



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**Let's go out in peace and power**  
**To love and serve the Lord**



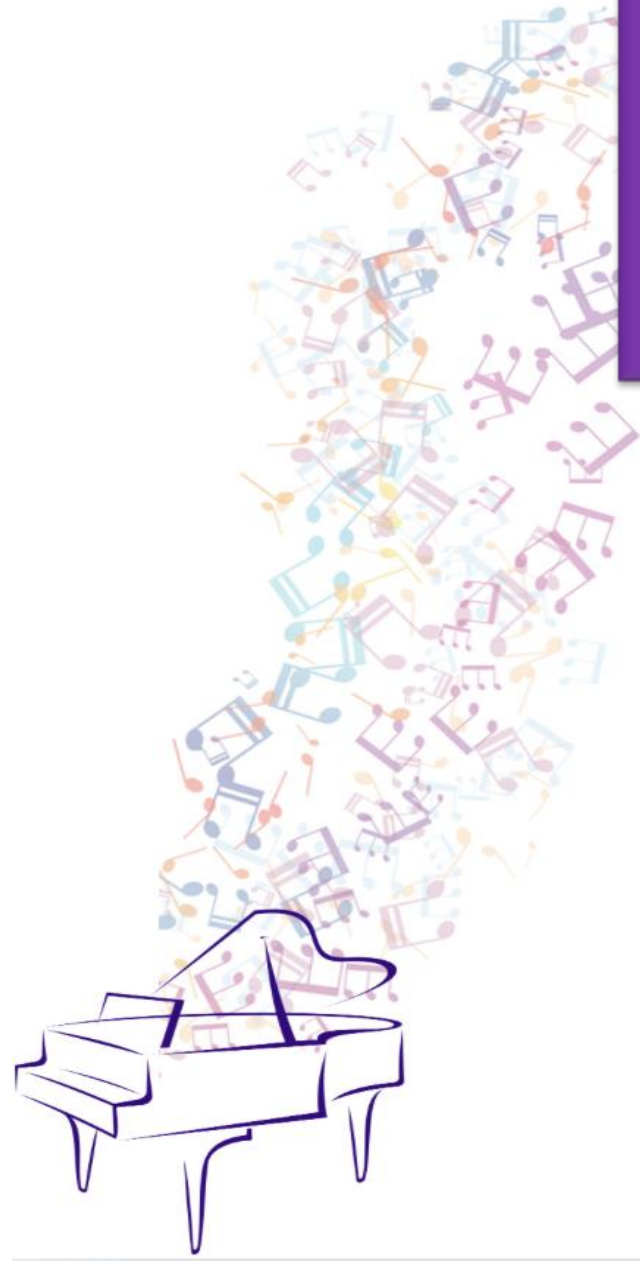
Postlude

Brian Frye

Piano

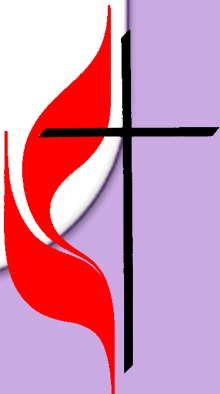
*“Down to the River to  
Pray”*

arr. Victor Lebinski



# End of Worship

Thank you for your  
participation in today's  
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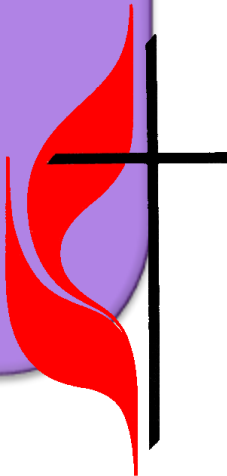


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