

The Offertory Music "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" M. Archer

*The Presentation Music "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn #94

*The Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

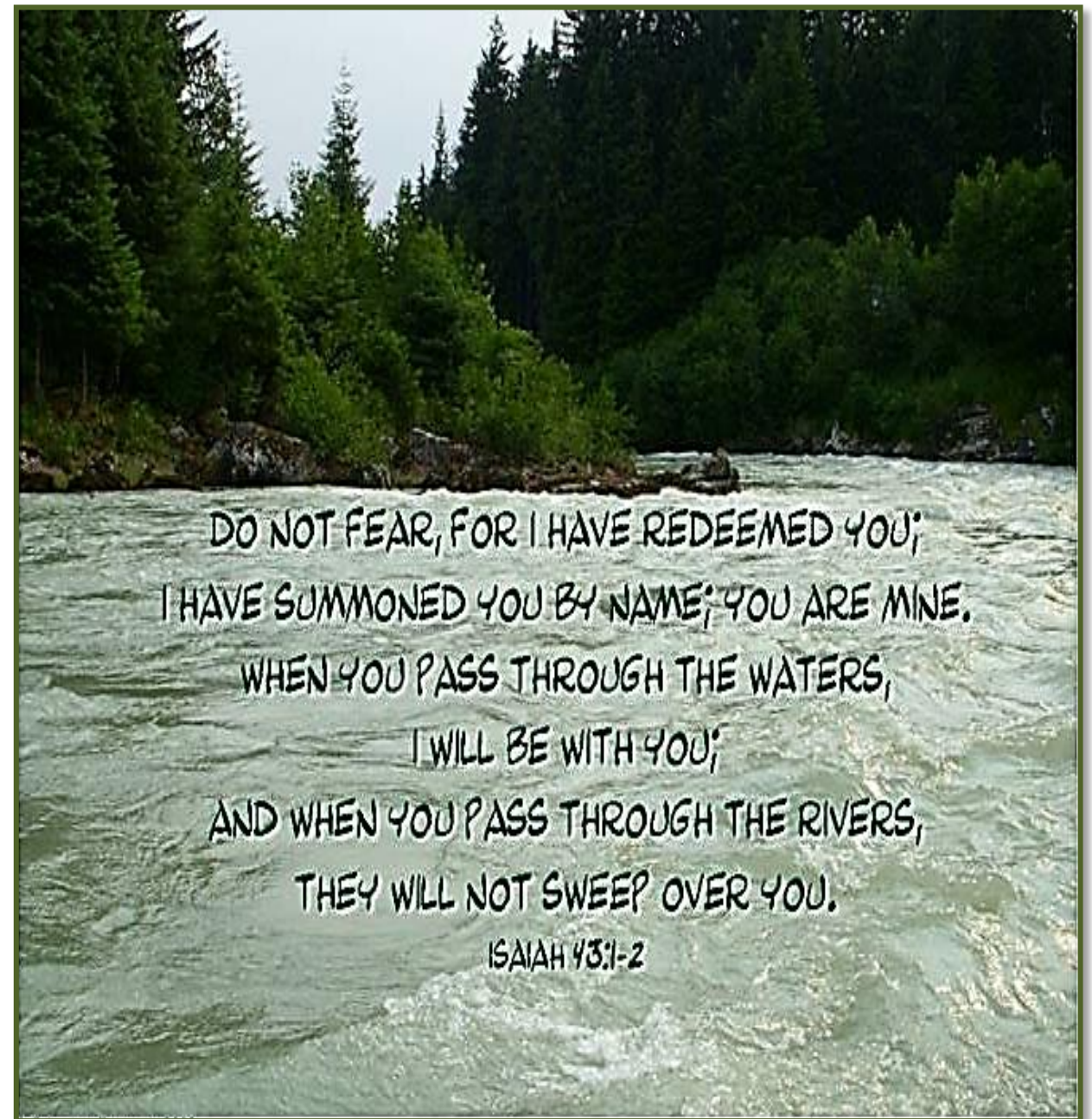
God of Water and Wind: We worship this morning, grateful for the good things that fill our lives, but many of us carry within ourselves feelings of emptiness, unworthiness, disappointments, and failures. We desperately need to be reminded that, in our baptism—as in the one Jesus received— there is an affirmation that we are claimed and loved by you just as we are. We could do more; we could be better; yet you say to us, "My child, with whom I am well pleased." May we open our hearts in generosity as those who are claimed as beloved children. In the name of the Son, who pleased you so well, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF BENEDICTION "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Hymn #664

*THE BENEDICTION Rev. Stephen Bibb

THE POSTLUDE "In Thee Is Joy" J.S. Bach

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Denton Sederquist (8:30); Diane Stott (11:00)
Organist/Pianist: Lisa Johnson Mott/Jorie Ronschke Audio Techs: Bob Nicholson, David Caddy, Katie Wereley-Bross, John Davis, Jonathan Heinz PowerPoint: Stu Kline, Brian Martin & Bob Nicholson Video Techs: Neil McTavish/Jonathan Heinz/Peyton O'Brien



January 13, 2019

8:30 & 11:00 AM

**First United Methodist Church
1700 W. State St., West Lafayette In 47906
765-743-1285, www.fumcwl.org**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rev. Stephen Bibb/Rev. Dr. Glen Robyne

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

As we seek to build up this congregation as the Body of Christ, we want to remind you that today we will celebrate the New Year with an All Church Pot Luck Dinner after the 11:00 worship services. Next Sunday, we recognize United Methodist Human Relations Day, a churchwide Special Sunday of the United Methodist Church. A special offering will be collected to strengthen community outreach and empower at-risk youth through efforts of the United Methodist Church.

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

J. Biery

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive* (based on Psalm 29)

Liturgist

(You are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so.)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

PEOPLE: ASCRIBE TO THE LORD THE GLORY OF HIS NAME; WORSHIP THE LORD IN HOLY SPLENDOR!

Leader: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the voice of the God of glory thunders.

PEOPLE: THE VOICE OF THE LORD IS POWERFUL AND FULL OF MAJESTY.

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned as Ruler forever.

PEOPLE: MAY THE LORD GIVE STRENGTH TO THE PEOPLE; MAY THE LORD BLESS THE PEOPLE WITH PEACE.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Hymn #139

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Stephen Bibb/Rev. Dr. Glen Robyne

An appropriate response to the greeting "May the peace of Christ be with you" is, "And also with you."

THE 1st and 2nd LESSONS

Isaiah 43: 1-3a, 6-7; Acts 8: 14-17

Liturgist

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shari Bittles - Director of Children/MidKids Ministries

(11:00-Children age 2 through 4th grades may now leave from the service for Worship Express.)

OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER

Prayer Hymn

"Spirit Song"

Hymn #347

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Stephen Bibb/Rev. Dr. Glen Robyne

The 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 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.

MESSAGE IN MUSIC (8:30)

"God So Loved the World"

John Stainer

Linda Michael, vocalist

(11:00)

"Oh Happy Day"

E. Hawkins/arr. K. Shaw

Chancel Choir directed by Ellen Wilson, accompanied by Lisa Johnson Mott

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Rev. Stephen Bibb

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us;

All: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

"Do Not Fear the New Year" (God is already there!)

Rev. Stephen Bibb

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Rev. Stephen Bibb/Rev. Dr. Glen Robyne

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. This week we celebrate the return of Purdue students and Village Nursery School students from winter break, as well as a return to our normal church activities schedule. Your generosity supports the many ministries of our congregation. I invite you once again to give generously as we worship God through the sharing of our gifts, tithes, and offerings.