



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

# The Water's Fine

Glimpses of the Kin-dom



WORSHIP SERIES

MATTHEW 3:13-17



## First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

*Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ*

January 8, 2023

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# Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See [gilbertumc.org](http://gilbertumc.org) for streaming information

*\*please stand as you are able*

## Pre-service Music

“Be Near Us Still”

*by Ferdinand Hiller*

## Ringing of the Bell

## Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

## Bringing in the Light of Christ

## Prelude

“Shall We Gather at the River”

*by Robert Lowry*

## \*Call to Worship

(8:00) Meghan Rule (9:30) Darlene Whitlock

Leader: The voice of God calls over the waters:

**People: “Beloved, receive the Holy Spirit.”**

Leader: The Son of God beckons:

**People: “Beloved, be born of water and the Spirit.”**

Leader: The Spirit of God proclaims:

**People: “Beloved, be born anew this day.”**

Leader: The voice of God calls through our baptism.

**All: Come! Let us worship.**

## \*Opening Hymn

“When Jesus Came To Jordan” vs. 1-3

*WORDS: William Walker MUSIC: Carlton R. Young*

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## \*Opening Prayer

Spirit of righteousness, God of power and might, help us be a light to the nations and a reflection of your glorious salvation. Work in our lives and in our ministries, that the world might know the power of your love and grace. As you alighted upon Jesus at his baptism, descend upon us this day, that we may be a people of hope and possibility. Wash us clean and renew our spirits, through Jesus Christ, our lord. Amen.

**Anthem****“In This Very Room”**

The Chancel Choir

*CCLI Song # 31267 Carol Harris | Ron Harris © 1979 Ron Harris Music***Reception of New Members (9:30)**

Kristen and Daniel FONZA Marilyn Harter Dr. Mathu Santosham

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 3:13-17

**Message**

Pastor Rick Casebolt

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer****Songs of Response (8:00)****“Spirit Song” vs. 1****#347***WORDS and MUSIC: John Wimber***(9:30)****“Holy Spirit”***CCLI Song # 6087919 Bryan Torwalt | Katie Torwalt © 2011 Capitol CMG Genesis (Capitol CMG)***Offering****Offertory****“Behold (Then Sings My Soul)”***CCLI Song #7068430 Joel Houston © 2016 Hillsong Music Australia (Capitol CMG) et al.***\*Doxology****“Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow”****#95***UMC Hymnal #95 Thomas Ken***\*Offering Prayer**

God of the water that cleans us, the land that feeds us, and the air that allows us to breathe your Spirit in and out of us; you claim us in our baptism, but too few of us even remember our own baptism. And if we remember (or imagine) our baptism, we too rarely grasp its meaning and power. As we present our tithes and offering in worship and witness Christ’s baptism once again, may we remember that in that water we were, like Christ, commissioned to go: to teach, preach, heal, and even to take up a cross. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*Closing Music (8:00) “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” vs. 1, 4, 5 #500***WORDS: George Croly MUSIC: Frederick C. Atkinson***(9:30)****“Holy Water”***CCLI Song # 7136448 Andrew Bergthold | Ed Cash | Franni Cash | Martin Cash | Scott Cash**© 2019 Angie Feel Good Songs (Capitol CMG) et al.***\*Blessing****Postlude (8:00)****“Short Festal Postlude” by Stephen Otis**

*Thank you for joining our services today!*

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at [connection@gilbertumc.org](mailto:connection@gilbertumc.org)

CLERGY: Pastor Rick Casebolt and Pastor Adriana Hernandez

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Randy Van Der Pol ORGANIST: Marilyn Harter

Join us next week for a new worship series!

Isaiah 49:1-7

## Not Lacking

Glimpses of the Kin-dom Worship Series



**Blood Pressure and Health Checks**

**TODAY** in the Activity Center between services

**Your help needed to take down decorations!**

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