

Cross Roads UMC Worship Guide
January 9, 2022 @ 10 AM
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome

A Song of Praise: Holy is The Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He

And together we sing
And everyone sing

Chorus: Holy is the Lord, God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Repeat Whole Song

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
[Repeat]

Repeat Chorus

Call to Worship:

There is a river whose streams
make glad the city of God;
The holy habitation of the Most High.
The Lord pours forth rivers from bare
mountains, and fountains in valleys' depths.
God opens rocks, and water gushes out.
On dry thirsty land God springs forth
streams in the desert.

Opening Prayer

A Song of Centering: Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

Chorus: Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place
and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord

Repeat Whole Song

Let us become
more aware of Your presence
Let us experience
the glory of Your goodness
[4 times]

Repeat Chorus

A Time for Children

Prayers of the People

A Time of Giving with Doxology

**A Song of Reflection: Breathe On Me,
Breath of God**

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Scripture: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."^l

Message: The River of Life

Holy Communion with Choral Anthem

**A Song of Invitation: I Have Decided
to Follow Jesus**

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus-
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me-
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow-
no turning back, no turning back.

The Blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you
make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace.

Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen.

Benediction

Postlude