



First Presbyterian Church

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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

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10:00am

**Third Sunday after Pentecost
We Celebrate the Baptism of Joseph Michael Erikson**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively) Psalm 45:10-17

Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house,¹¹ **and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him.**¹² The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people.¹³ **All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.**¹⁴ In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her.¹⁵ **With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.**¹⁶ In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.¹⁷ **I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

GATHERING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have called us to be the bride of Christ. We give You thanks and praise for the love story that is told from the beginning to the end of Your Holy Scriptures. We thank You for the children born into this family and that you set them apart through baptism. May Your Spirit testify within us to the love of Christ for us. In His name we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* **#611**

CALL TO CONFESSION

An angel told the apostle John, “Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.” Let us confess our sins to wash our robes to be a pure white and so that we may enter the heavenly city above to eat of the fruit of the tree of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, forgive us for the things that we have done and the things that we have left undone that spoil our witness for You; that we so often deny with our lives what we say with our lips; for any sinful example that makes it easier for people to criticize Your church or for another to sin. And fill us with Your Spirit for the sake of Jesus—in whose name we pray. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news. The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. **And also with you. Amen.**

The Baptism of Joseph Michael Erikson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: **Genesis 29:1-12, John 4:1-29**

SERMON: “The Stunning Bride of Christ”

The Rev. Justin L. Marple

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have entrusted to us—our bodies, our labor, our talents, our time, and our things. Receive these gifts for the sake of the one who offered Himself for us—Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #366*

CHARGE

How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. The Lord will be with you and will keep you, He will give you bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that you will come again to your Father's house in peace. **The Lord is my God. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

We would like to thank Rev. Justin L. Marple for sharing his gifts with us today.

HYMNS

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #611

1 Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

3 Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” #366

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe, thy loving spirit into every troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, sets our hearts at liberty.

3 Come Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love

4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, til in Heaven we take our place.
Til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 29:1-12

Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the east.² As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and behold, three flocks of sheep lying beside it, for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large,³ and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place over the mouth of the well.⁴ Jacob said to them, "My brothers, where do you come from?" They said, "We are from Haran."⁵ He said to them, "Do you know Laban the son of Nahor?" They said, "We know him."⁶ He said to them, "Is it well with him?" They said, "It is well; and see, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep!"⁷ He said, "Behold, it is still high day; it is not time for the livestock to be gathered together. Water the sheep and go, pasture them."⁸ But they said, "We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep."⁹ While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep, for she was a shepherdess.¹⁰ Now as soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, Jacob came near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother.¹¹ Then Jacob kissed Rachel and wept aloud.¹² And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son, and she ran and told her father. (ESV)

John 4:1-29

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John² (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples),³ he left Judea and departed again for Galilee.⁴ And he had to pass through Samaria.⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹² Are

you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" (ESV)