



**Baptism of the Lord**  
**Sunday, January 10, 2021**  
**First Baptist Church of Lafayette**

<b>Prelude</b>	“Voluntary in A Minor” Greene	Melanie Manges
<b>Welcome to Worship</b>		Gordon Coppoc
<b>Gathering Song</b>	“Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord”	#129
	Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and with fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.	
<b>Call to Worship</b> <sup>1</sup> ( <i>inspired by Isaiah 40: 3-5</i> )	A voice cries out: <b>“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,</b> Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <b>Every valley shall be lifted up,</b> <b>And every mountain and hill be made low;</b> The uneven ground shall become level, <b>And the rough places a plain.</b> Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, <b>And all people shall see it together,</b>	Gordon Coppoc

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

**The word of our God will stand forever.**

**Hymn of Epiphany**

“Songs of Thankfulness & Praise”

#243

(Verse 1) Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to you we raise;

Once revealed, when heaven’s star brought the wisemen from afar;

Branch of royal David’s stem in your birth at Bethlehem,

Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

(Verse 2) God revealed at Jordan’s stream, prophet, priest and king supreme,

Once revealed in power divine changing water into wine;

Cana’s holy wedding guest keeping to the last the best;

Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

(Verse 4) Stars shall fall and heavens fade, sun and moon shall dark be made;

Christ will then like lighting shine, all will see the glorious sign;

All will then the trumpet hear, all will see the Son appear,

Word before the world began, God revealed to us in man.

**Children’s Sermon**

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood

**Invitation to Prayer**

Rev. Hood

“Just As I Am”, arr. Raney

Melanie Manges

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer**

Rev. Hood

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,*

*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in 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.*

**New Testament Reading**

Luke 3: 1-22

Rev. Hood

**Special Music**

“Down at the River to Pray”

**Sermon** "Unbounded" Rev. Hood

**Invitation to Remember Your Baptism<sup>2</sup>** Rev. Hood

**Hymn of Proclamation** "When John Baptized by Jordan's River" #239

(Verse 1) When John baptized by Jordan's river in faith and hope the people came,  
That John and Jordan might deliver their troubled souls from sin and shame,  
They came to seek a new beginning, the human spirit's ageless quest,  
Repentance and an end of sinning, renouncing every wrong confessed.

(Verse 2) There as the Lord, baptized and praying, rose from the stream the sinless One,  
A voice was heard from heaven saying, "This is my own beloved Son."  
There as the Father's word was spoken, not in the power of wind and flame,  
But of his love and peace the token, seen as a dove, the Spirit came.

**Offering** Rev. Hood

*Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift,  
Teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,  
That we might praise you not with our words only,  
But with our whole lives. Amen.*

**Offertory** "Lift Up Your Heart" Melanie Manges  
S. Bernstein

**Doxology**  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Announcements** Rev. Hood

**Benediction** Rev. Hood

**Postlude** "O Worship the King" Melanie Manges  
arr. Smith

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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from liturgy used at Woodland Hills United Church of Christ in Woodland Hills, California.  
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Gordon Coppoc, Worship Leader

Sylvia Mohler, Vocalist

Melanie Manges, Organist/Pianist

Aurie Swartz, Director of Communications & Technology

Matt Hood, Director of Music Ministry

Rev. Lisa Williams Hood, Senior Pastor

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