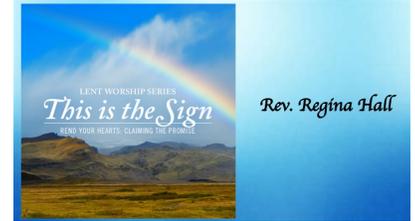


Donelson Heights United Methodist Church
February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent
Baptism
Liturgist: Will Rehberg



Prelude “All Hail, King Jesus” with “Majesty” arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

Come! Let’s worship God, who makes and keeps covenant.
Come! See the sign of God’s promise in rainbow and rhythm.
Come! Let’s worship Almighty God! Hallelujah!

Valerie Bridgeman Davis, The Africana Worship Book for Year B, Discipleship Resources, 2007, p. 56.

Opening Prayer

God of storms and rainbows, God of rain and sunshine, God of all creation we worship and adore you. We gaze in wonder at the beauty of your creation and marvel at stormy skies transformed with the vibrant colors of a rainbow. Like Noah and his family, we praise you for this everlasting sign of your love and care for the whole creation in your desire to preserve and not destroy life. And at Jesus’ baptism, the sky again revealed your love when you identified him as your beloved Son, strengthening him with the same Spirit who empowers and strengthens each of us. For all these assurances of your love for us and for the whole creation, we praise and worship you, O God, in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*— written by Moira Laidlaw and posted on Liturgies Online.
Visit her site for other great lectionary-based resources. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>.*

Hymn of Praise “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH 140

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Scripture Psalm 25:1-10

Offering/Prayer of Dedication Rev. Regina Hall

Hymn “When Jesus Came to Jordan” UMH 252

1. When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.
2. He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss, for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.
3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; this very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer		Rev. Regina Hall
Anthem	"Lead Me to the Cross" Jennifer Sychareune and Fred Lewis, Guitar	by Brooke Fraser and Antonio Romero
Sermon Text	Genesis 9:8-17	Rev. Regina Hall
Sermon	"This Is the Sign"	Rev. Regina Hall
Service of Infant Baptism	Tucker Alan Richards	
Closing Hymn	"I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry"	FWS 2051
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "I was there to hear your borneing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. 2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell. 3. When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. 4. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme, from dusk till rising sun. 5. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. 6. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise. 7. I was there to hear your borneing cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold." 	
Benediction		Rev. Regina Hall
Postlude	"Great Is the Lord"	arr. by Lloyd Larson