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WELCOME

Rev. Pamela Kurtz, *Pastor*

INTROIT

Go Down, Moses

Edward Nunoo, *bass*

OPENING PRAYER (*responsive*)

Be still, remember who you are.

Come touch the water of your birth.

Be dead to sin, alive to God.

Remember who you are in Jesus.

*We are beloved.*

*We are heirs.*

*We are children of God.*

*We are claimed.*

*We are marked.*

*We are named by God alone.*

*We are chosen and blessed*

*We are gifted to love*

*To witness through word and deed*

*Call to worship for Baptism of the Lord*  
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OPENING SONG

Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me TFWS 2139

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

1. Did ever you see the like before? *I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;*

King Jesus preaching to the poor! *I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

2. Oh, wasn't that a happy day; *I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;*

when Jesus washed my sins away! *I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

3. Some seek the Lord and don't seek him right; *I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;*  
they fool all day and pray at night; *I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

4. My Lord's done just what he said; *I know the Lord's laid his hands on me;*

he's healed the sick and raised the dead; *I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.*

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 19:1-6 (MSG)

Now, it happened that while Apollos was away in Corinth, Paul made his way down through the mountains, came to Ephesus, and happened on some disciples there. The first thing he said was, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? Did you take God into your mind only, or did you also embrace him with your heart? Did he get inside you?”

“We’ve never even heard of that—a Holy Spirit? God within us?”

“How were you baptized, then?” asked Paul.

“In John’s baptism.”

“That explains it,” said Paul. “John preached a baptism of radical life-change so that people would be ready to receive the One coming after him, who turned out to be Jesus. If you’ve been baptized in John’s baptism, you’re ready now for the real thing, for Jesus.”

And they were. As soon as they heard of it, they were baptized in the name of the Master Jesus. Paul put his hands on their heads and the Holy Spirit entered them. From that moment on, they were praising God in tongues and talking about God’s actions.

RESPONSE [VIDEO] “Flowing Water: The Christian Connection”

SERMON

“Living Water Transforms Us”

Rev. Pamela Kurtz, *Pastor*

RESPONSE [VIDEO]

Watermark

by: Billy Crockett

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

\*Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.

Our \*Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & RESOLVE *(unison)*

*Gracious God, we confess that too often we live as though we are fearful, not faithful. When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion, we don't easily pass through them, but we obsess about the height of the water instead of the sight of the other side. You promised to walk through the rivers with us. Help us believe. And help our unbelief.*

*Kerry Stewart*

**SILENCE IS KEPT FOR PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND HOPE**

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear this news my dear siblings:

Touched by the waters of life, fed at the feast of grace and hope, embraced in the warmth of God's love and hopes - this is good news! Blessed by baptism's tears, called to servanthood by the Beloved, filled with the peace of the Spirit, we are indeed God's people - redeemed, restored, refreshed to serve.

***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

*New Berlin UCC*

# PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*As forgiven people living in the season of Spiritual transformation,  
let us share peace with our siblings in the world!*

## SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP OF CHRIST

### GRATITUDE TIMES

### LIVING AS THE CHURCH

## OFFERING

### THANKSGIVING SONG

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise TFWS 2031

*We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.*

*We bring the sacrifice of praise, into the house of the Lord.*

*And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving.*

*And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.*

### CLOSING SONG

Down to the River to Pray W&S 3164

*As I went down in the river to pray*

*Studying about that good ol' way*

*And who shall wear the starry crown*

*Good Lord, show me the way*

*O \*sisters, let's go down*

*Let's go down, come on down*

*O sisters, let's go down*

*Down in the river to pray*

*As I went down in the river to pray*

*Studying about that good ol' way*

*And who shall wear the robe and crown*

*Good Lord, show me the way*

*\*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners*

### CLOSING PRAYER *(unison)*

*In the way of Jesus, make us as water in a dry and thirsty world.*

*Establish us to be places of refreshment.*

*Root us and nurture us in love,*

*that with all your people, that we may rightly and justly serve you.*

*Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love. Amen.*

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### POSTLUDE

Down to the River to Pray

Trad Spiritual; arr. Mark Hayes

Readers: Tam Hege & Fran Cooper