

The background of the entire image is a vibrant blue, filled with numerous water droplets and splashes of varying sizes, creating a sense of movement and freshness. The text is centered over this background.

THROUGH THE
Waters
SERMON SERIES

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, June 16th

PRELUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Sharp

Piano

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “How Firm a Foundation”

OPENING LITURGY

P: As we gather for worship this morning, we do so in the name of the Father,

C: Who loved us and sent His Son to set us free.

P: In the name of His Son, Jesus,

C: Whose sacrifice gives us freedom and peace.

P: In the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: Who brings us to faith and sustains our faith through the working of water and the Word. Amen.

P: Shout for joy, all the earth;

C: Sing the glory of His name; give to him glorious praise!

P: All the earth worships You and sings praise to You;

C: They sing praises to Your name.

P: Come and see what God has done:

C: He is awesome in His deeds towards the children of man.

P: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

C: There we rejoiced in Him, who rules by His might forever.

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what He has done for my soul.

C: Thanks be to God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- P: The Apostle Paul asks, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may abound? How can we who died to sin still live in it?”
- C: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved God with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. As You claim us as Your own in Baptism through water and the Word, we struggle to live as Your children and fail to place our faith and trust in You.**
- P: “We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”
- C: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Help us value the water of our Baptism and the Word of God. Give us strength and faith in our ongoing troubles. Amen.**
- P: The Apostle Paul wrote that we were once foolish, disobedient, and led astray to various passions and pleasure, but when the good and loving kindness of God, our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing and regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, so that being justified by His grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Jesus said if anyone thirsts, let them come to Him and drink.
- C: Whoever believes in Him, as Scripture has said, “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”**
- P: Fellow baptized children of God, we have been justified by God’s grace through faith in His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. From Him, we have received the living water, which lives in us and flows out of us to all who would believe. Therefore, it is my great pleasure as a called and ordained servant of the Word to tell you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**

FATHER’S DAY LITANY

- P: Hear, O sons, a father’s instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight,
C: for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching.
- P: When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, he taught me and said to me,
C: “Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.

P: Get wisdom; get insight;

C: do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

P: Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many.

C: I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

P: When you walk, your step will not be hampered,

C: and if you run, you will not stumble.

P: Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember fathers, we give you thanks for our fathers. Thank you for the sacrifices they made in raising us. We thank you for the men who raised us; who taught us and led us, who cared for us and protected us from our fears. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our fathers.

P: For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

C: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.

P: For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

C: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.

P: For men who may or may not have children of their own, but act like a father to someone in need of advice, support, nurturing, and love.

C: Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.

P: For stepfathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own and created a new family.

C: Holy God, hear this prayer for stepfathers.

P: For adoptive fathers, who have heard the call of God to lovingly step forward for those that need their care.

C: Holy God, hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.

P: For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children and have not sustained their families.

C: Holy God, have mercy on absentee fathers.

P: For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

C: Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle.

P: For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be, and fathers soon to be.

C: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.

P: For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us, and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

C: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith.

P: God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE “God, Our Father, We Adore Thee”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Kings 5:1-8 [ESV]

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress, “Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” So Naaman went in and told his lord, “Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel.” And the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.”

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy.” And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-8 [ESV]

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed*

HYMN “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

SERMON “NAAMAN WASHING IN THE JORDAN”

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Open Our Eyes *with Be Thou My Vision*”

arr. Hayes

Piano

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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“O God Beyond All Praising”

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