

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI
Worship Music, Prayers, and Bible Readings – 1/10/2021

Shall We Gather at the River

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

**On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

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gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
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Bible Reading

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ John was baptizing people in the desert and preaching a baptism of changed hearts and lives for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ All the people from Judea and Jerusalem were going out to him. They confessed their sins and were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothes made from camel's hair, had a leather belt around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ This is what John preached to the people: "There is one coming after me who is greater than I; I am not good enough even to kneel down and untie his sandals.

⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time Jesus came from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan River. ¹⁰ Immediately, as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven open. The Holy Spirit came down on him like a dove, ¹¹ and a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love, and I am very pleased with you."

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Water, River, Spirit, Grace

**Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me in sculpting me.**

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**Water, River, Spirit, Grace, sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced in sculpting me in sculpting me.**

Bible Reading

Acts 19:1-7

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul was visiting some places on the way to Ephesus. There he found some followers ² and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

They said, “We have never even heard of a Holy Spirit.”

³ So he asked, “What kind of baptism did you have?”

They said, “It was the baptism that John taught.”

⁴ Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of changed hearts and lives. He told people to believe in the one who would come after him, and that one is Jesus.”

⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ Then Paul laid his hands on them, and the Holy Spirit came upon them. They began speaking different languages and prophesying. ⁷ There were about twelve people in this group.

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Affirmation of Faith

We are the people of God, born of water and the Spirit.

We remember the creative force of God’s breath, moving over the waters of chaos to bring life and light.

We remember God’s mercy in saving a remnant through the great flood to give us a new beginning.

We remember God’s faithfulness to deliver Israel — and us — from slavery into freedom.

We remember Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan. Through his life he became living water for us.

We remember the water of Christ’s pierced side, for through his death and resurrection we are set free from sin and death and receive eternal life.

We remember God’s grace extended toward each of us through the water of our own baptisms.

Through the water and the Spirit we are redeemed and reborn to live as Christ’s disciples in the world. Amen.

Spirit of God

**Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin, blow as you always do;
create us anew.**

**Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.**

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

**Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings for all living things.**

**For when we live your peace, captives will find release,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.**

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

**Spirit of God, bright hands, even in far-off lands
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.**

**No matter where we go, you hold us together so,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.**

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

**Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.**

**We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
held in your hands, borne on our wings.**

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

**Spirit of in all, we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.**

**Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.**

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!