



*Baptism of Christ by David Zalenka*

## Baptism of the Lord

*January 10, 2021*

**Zoom Worship**

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

LAND & WATER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Zac Furber-Dobson

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

CARILLON

Mary-Marie Deauclaire

CALL TO WORSHIP

Syd Dent

One: Through baptism, we trace a lineage unlike any other.

**All: A holy line of kinship that redefines power and belonging.**

One: It beckons us to come by choice.

**All: To declare our intent.**

One: To make known our loyalty.

**All: Our loyalty to love. To repair. To justice. To Christ.**

One: The waters of baptism free us from alliances that destroy.

**All: May they wash over us and renew the bonds of God.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with waves and smiles  
and pass the peace of Christ using the chat feature.

OPENING HYMN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Kim Michaud

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Mariah Callison

One: Creator of Life, over and over again you remind us:

**All: We belong first — not to institutions, traditions, or hierarchies of power — but to you, the earth, and one another.**

One: While forces of evil normalize betrayal and block paths of justice,

**All: we know we are not meant for such destruction.**

One: By your grace, may we shed that which keeps us from living out the claims of our baptism.

**All: That we may be a community whose loyalty to love is clear and unwavering, make it so among us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Mark 1:4–11](#)

Hazel Furber-Dobson

SERMON

*It's All in the Water*

Pastor Todd

## Renewal of Baptism

GREETING

Rev. Mariah

One: Dear friends, on this day of re-creation we recall Christ's baptism, and we claim and remember our own.

**All: We gather with this water to celebrate the gift of God's redeeming grace.**

One: For just as the body is one and has many members and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**All: For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body and were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

One: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor Todd

One: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil, in whatever guise it presents itself, and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**All: I do.**

One: Do you believe in God?

**All: I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, the only one begotten of God before all worlds.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in God, the Holy Spirit.**

One: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and community, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

One: Will you see and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

One: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

One: Let us pray.

**All: In this and all we do, keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING and RENEWAL

### PRAYER

Rev. Mariah

One: Eternal God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ, given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, forgiven all our sins, and filled us with courage.

**All: Bless us now with the grace we need to fulfill what we have promised.  
And keep us faithful to our Savior Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

### ANTHEM

*Wade in the Water*

African-American Spiritual

Rev. Dr. D. Mark Wilson

Director of Music at Easter Hill United Methodist  
and Director of the UC Berkeley Gospel Choir

### TIME OF PRAYER

Rev. Mariah Callison

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

*(Email your requests to Pastor Eric or type them in the chat window.)*

**All: Hear our prayer**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using these words or the words most familiar to you)

**Our Loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive  
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

### TIME OF GIVING

Leslie & Syd Dent

Invitation to Giving

*During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to*

*[give online via our web site and clicking "Donate" in the upper right of the screen.](#)*

Doxology    **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Offertory Prayer

### CLOSING HYMN

### BENEDICTION

Pastor Todd

### POSTLUDE

## Upcoming Gatherings

- **Youth Group** tonight, 5:00pm (See email for details.)
- **Anti-Racism Coffee Chat**, Sunday at 11:00am  
*hosted by Bette Felton & Robin Taylor*  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83804423154?pwd=ZUVLSTkrZXNTQitxNi9aSnDuZDh6Zz09>  
Meeting ID: 838 0442 3154, Passcode: 311752
- *No Outreach Commission meeting today as originally announced.*
- **Faith in Action for Kids**, Saturday at 10:30am (See email for details.)

## Announcements

### Expressing Our Sympathy

**Cheryl Pierson's** father **David McConnell** transitioned from this life on December 31. Cheryl has travelled to Indianapolis for the memorial on Saturday and will remain there for the next several weeks.

**Nancy Halseth's** father **Tom Michael** transitioned from this life on January 4. Tom's wife **Eunice** is recovering from Covid.

Our hearts are with our siblings during their time of grief.

### Second Hour Coffee Chat

Sunday at 11:00am

*hosted by Bette Felton & Robin Taylor*

The DCC Antiracism Ministry Team invites you all to join us during second hour this Sunday from 11:00am to Noon for a series of second hour events we are calling Coffee Chats. These will be informal spaces for dialogue with some members of the team where we welcome you to bring your questions and reflections on anti-racism work. We envision this to be a time to learn from each other, and if desired, brainstorm ways to find answers to the questions we bring forth to the discussion. Feel free to join whichever (or however many) session(s) you are available for. There will be different team members present each week.



January 10 — Bette Felton & Robin Taylor

January 24 — Doug Leich & Mary Kay McClure

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## DCC Children's & Youth Ministries

### Youth Group tonight, 5:00pm

To night we will discuss what is happening in the world, how our teens are feeling, and how people of faith might respond. We will also begin our conversation about the life of Rev. Dr. King and other civil rights activists and the nature of protest with the added lens of how it is distinguished from rioting and insurrection.

### Saturday, January 16, 10:30am, Faith in Action for Kids (Zoom)

Next Saturday morning at 10:30am, we will hold a gathering for our children to discuss "faith in action" and why it is important to make our voices heard and also to amplify the voices of others. We will also read together a [children's book about Rev. Dr. King](#). As an activity, we will make a posters for a cause that is important to us. By mid-week next week, we will send out some materials and quotes for you to consider as a family and they can use one of those for a poster as well. Kids will need a piece of posterboard or construction paper, markers, stickers, etc. This might be an activity best suited to our older children but all are welcome. Check your email for the Zoom link.

### Sunday January 17

- Late last year, Godly Play issued two new stories in a series called *People of Color Who Inspire*. We are very excited to begin adding these to DCC's Godly Play collection and next Sunday for our Time with Children, Barb will be telling The Story of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Youth Group, 5:00pm**—Zoom or physically distant pending stay at home order  
Next Sunday night (1/16) at Youth Group, we will continue the conversation on "faith in action" by naming the causes that are most important to us and choosing a quote from Rev. Dr. King or another civil rights leader that is meaningful to them to make a poster. Ahead of time, please purchase a couple of sheets of posterboard and have markers, glitter, etc. on-hand for your young people.

### Monday, January 18, 1:30pm, Public Witness action

(Zoom or physically distant pending stay at home order)

In lieu of our service project this year on MLK Day, **and if the stay at home order is eased**, we will gather physically distant on a street corner with our signs of our favorite quotes to practice "faith in action." **This will not be a political or partisan activity nor will it be a counter-protest but rather an expression of our faith and values.**

For many of our youth, this will be the first time they have ever participated in public witness while there are others who have done things like this before. We will enlist several adults to participate with us and any kids in our "younger youth group" will need a parent to accompany them. The location (likely in San Ramon) will be provided later in the week.

**If the stay at home order is *not* lifted**, we will convene a Zoom where each person can show their sign and explain what it means to them.

If we're able to do this in person, the entire church is welcome to show up with their own signs featuring their favorite quote and participate with us.

Ruby Slippers Announcement





# ROSSMOOR NEWS

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Mary Taylor

## Rossmoor activist to be honored for racial justice work

By Rowena Gonden  
Staff writer

Mary Taylor recalls hearing a Black Rossmoor resident speak of heading to one of the retirement community's swimming pools for a dip only for a white woman to tell her that "the help" wasn't allowed to use the facility.

And decades ago when her teenage son was learning to drive, fears of racial profiling had prompted Taylor to buy him a cellphone so that he

could call her if he were pulled over.

"We've seen what police do," said Taylor, who is fighting racial inequities by encouraging others to acknowledge their reality.

For her efforts, Mount Diablo Peace and Justice Cen-

ter has named Taylor a "Local Hero for Peace" in its annual recognition of individuals and organizations that are working toward social justice.

Taylor landed on the Lafayette nonprofit's radar when she organized public protests in Rossmoor earlier

this year.

"That really caught our attention because no one had been doing it at all," Executive Director Andrew Kodama said.

The email she received notifying her of the award "kind of blew me away," said Taylor, who was only casually acquainted with the center through the annual conference it hosts at Rossmoor highlighting other groups that share its mission.

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*"I have never done social justice work before, (but) it was a calling."*

*—Mary Taylor*

## Mary Taylor Named Local Hero for Peace

The Mount Diablo Peace and Justice Center named **Mary Taylor** as its "Local Hero for Peace" in its annual recognition of individuals and organizations who are working toward social justice. As the founder of the Black Lives Matter Committee of the African American and Friends Club in Rossmoor, Mary has taken an active lead this year organizing in her community by organizing numerous rallies and educational guest speaker events that served to raise awareness around issues of racial and social justice. Mary will be honored in a virtual ceremony on January 23. [Tickets are available here.](#) Congratulations Mary and thank you for your holy activism!

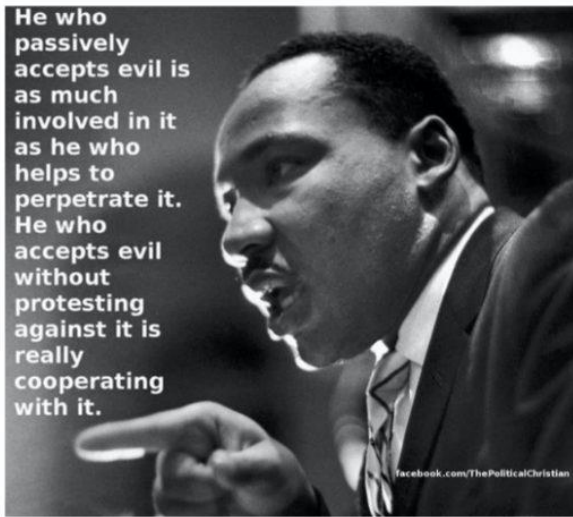
You can read Mary's interview in the Rossmoor News (pictured above) here.

## Flowers During Epiphany

One of our cherished pre-Covid traditions was supplying flowers to be placed on the chancel each week, offered in memory or honor of someone. During the season of Epiphany, when we change the colors back to green, we would like to invite you to supply something for the altar—a *plant, an arrangement cut from your garden, or a bouquet*. Simply email the [church office](#) which Sunday you would like (1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14) and if you wish to honor someone with your gift. Once confirmed, please drop off your arrangement *outside the church office* (by the door is fine) **Tuesday before noon**. It will be picked up and placed on the altar. Previous weeks' arrangements can be picked up from the same place after noon on Tuesday.



## ***Celebrate Dr. King's Life and Message***



***Keynote Speaker***

# **Rev. Julius Van Hook**

**Interfaith Juvenile Chaplain – ICHANGE Program of I4C**

***“As Light Breaks Forth, Live as  
Children of the Light.”***

**Monday, January 18, 2021 at Noon**

**Online! Register for this event at**

**<https://tinyurl.com/I4CMLKDay>**

***With the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, St. Benedict's  
Gospel Choir (Oakland) and Choirs from Black Churches  
around the County, including Easter Hill United Methodist  
Church and Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church!  
Conversation following!***

**Sponsored by: The Social Justice Alliance of The Interfaith Council of  
Contra Costa County, and the Mount Diablo Peace and Justice Center**

[Pre-register here to receive the Zoom link.](#)





This year, Hope Solutions will present our annual fundraising gala, [Ruby Slippers-There's No Place Like Home](#) in the comfort of your own home on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. *Ruby Slippers* will be virtual and live-streamed from the [Ruby Slippers Gala](#) website. There will be a live and silent auction with fabulous items to bid on, inspirational message from a Hope Solutions' resident, feature of local musicians, Children's Choice Award, Community Art Project, and Virtual Red Carpet!

**1. Register for this FREE event!** [CLICK HERE to register.](#)

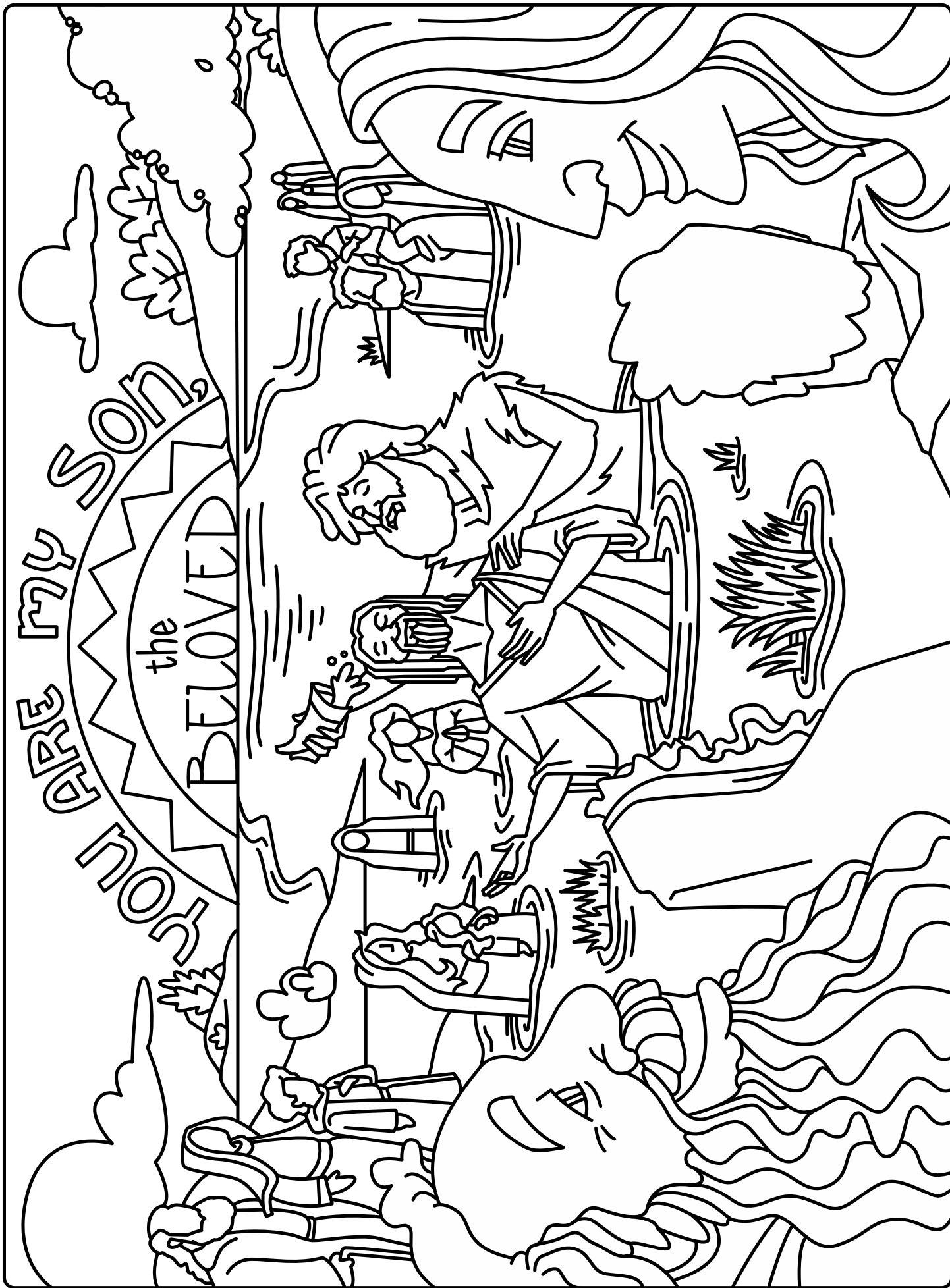
**2. Donate an auction item or gift card.** Visit our signup genius for a list of items (including gift cards) needed for our silent auction at <https://tinyurl.com/yynbd9uy>. [Learn more.](#) All auction items are due to Hope Solutions by Monday, January 25th.

**3. Spread the word!** Share this Hope Solutions [Ruby Slippers Gala Facebook Event](#) link with your friends, family, and colleagues from coast to coast and around the world.

***Our Mission:*** *Hope Solutions heals the effects of poverty and homelessness by providing permanent housing solutions and vital support services to highly vulnerable families and individuals.*

**Ruby Slippers Gala website:** <https://hopesolutions.ejoinme.org/RubySlippers2021>





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The **DCC Prayer Team** prays daily for those in need of prayers.  
If you would like to submit a prayer request for yourself or someone else,  
contact a pastor or send an email to [prayers@danvillechurch.org](mailto:prayers@danvillechurch.org).  
All requests are kept confidential unless specified otherwise.

**Sonna Dhamrait, Dayspring Preschool Director**  
[dayspringpreschool.org](http://dayspringpreschool.org)

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Black Queer Lives Matter  
Black Women Matter  
Black Men Matter  
Black Disabled People Matter  
Black Children Matter  
Black Undocumented People Matter  
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