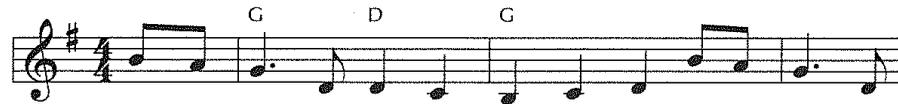


# 488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to  
 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to  
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord to  
 lon-ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-



see your life un-fold. I was there when you were but a  
 whom you now be-long. If you find some-one to share your  
 plete what I've be-gun. When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es



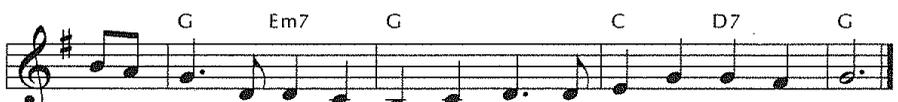
child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of  
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to  
 in and you shut your wea-ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
 make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."  
 I have al-ways been with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

## Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

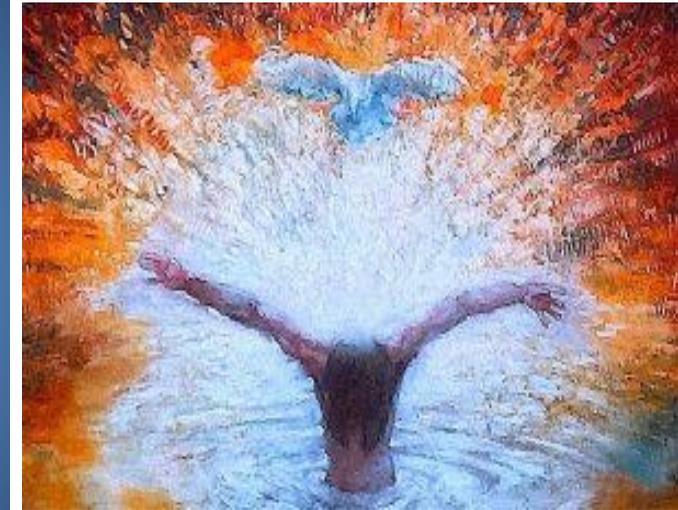
January 13, 2019  
 Baptism of the Lord

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children 1st grade  
 and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

Sermons available at  
<https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>



CHIMING THE HOUR  
 WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Sonne Der Gerechtigkeit*

Pepping

### WE GATHER

\* PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Like the soft whisper of a little child singing

to herself before anyone else in the house is awake,

**ever so gently, God's voice cradles us with songs of wonder and awe.**

With the persistence of teenagers and young adults,

heady with the newfound freedom of questioning everything,

**God's voice rumbles like a river through our lives,**

**sweeping away all the boundaries between us.**

Like the grandpa who passes on the secret to his bread,

like the nana who teaches her grandkids how to drive,

**God's voice is always reminding us that we are precious, esteemed, beloved.**

\* HYMN (Back of Bulletin)

*I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE 391 vs 4

*Take My Life*

**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use, every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.**

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

\* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

**We know what it is like to be singed by the flames of our lives, Holy God. We look for ourselves in all the wrong places — success, power, adulation. We carve our names in the granite walls of work, hoping we will be remembered when we are gone. We have gone through the waters of baptism but live as if they have not changed us.**

**We need to hear your sure word, 'do not fear,' Shaper of our lives. Our failures do not cause you to quit loving us, for you continue to claim us, gathering us up in your compassionate arms. In our baptism, we discover not the end, but the first step of our journey with Jesus.**

(Silent prayers)

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE refrain

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

**WE DEPART**

**WE LISTEN**

\* HYMN 70

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

\* BENEDICTION

\* PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

POSTLUDE

*God of Grace*

arr. Manz

\* You are invited to stand if able.

MEDITATION

\* HYMN 289

*O God of Every Nation*

**WE RESPOND**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

*With Joy and Music*

Butler