

Scripture: Matthew 3: 1-12

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ²and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"[a]

⁴John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan river.

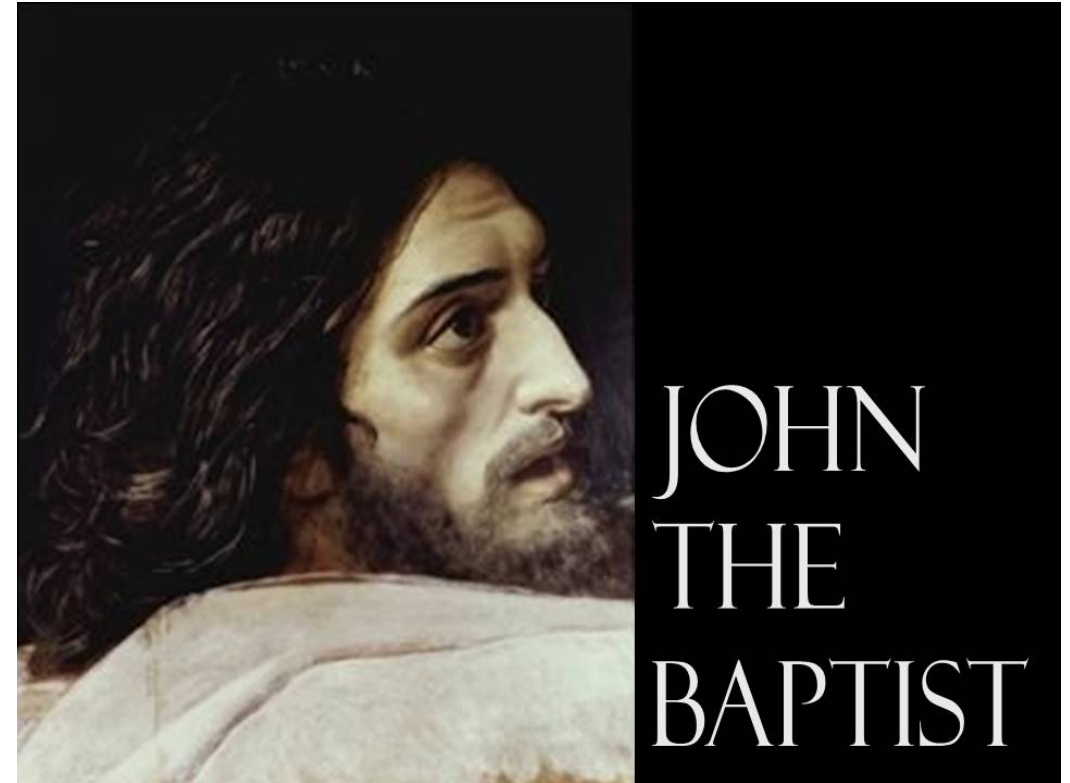
⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with[b] water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with[c] the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."



August 10th, 2017

11:00 am

AS WE GATHER WORSHIP SERVICE

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August 10th, 2017

11:00 a.m. Hope/Faith/Testimony & Music Worship

Prelude

As We Gather written by Pastor Caleb Williams

Opening Prayer

Hymn # 171 "There's Something About That Name" George Marck

Welcome "AS WE GATHER" worship service in the heart of ROFUM serving God, one another, and the community.

Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –

People: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good –

People: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Leader: Let us worship God today –

People: For time to go out into the world armed with love:

Leader: For all these things we gather in worship as a community of faith.

All: Let us worship God.

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Draw the Circle Wide*

Testimony given by:

Jerry Toth

***Additional Testimony & Prayer**

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes * Doxology Hymn #95 (UMH)

**The Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Please continue page 13 of the United Methodist Hymnal.**

Communion Music and Song

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn #77. How Great Thou Art

George Marck

**Prayer for Hope, Faith & Message
Message: We all can point people to Jesus.
Robert Paul Demyanovich**

John Points the people to one that is Greater than Him ¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry.

Video Baptism of Jesus from the movie Jesus of Nazareth

Announcements:

As We Gather - Friday Bible Study Every Friday morning at 9:30 am. You are invited to join us - Watch, Explore, Experience, & Discuss the Bible here at ROFUM. All are welcome to attend.

Music Video Pharrell Williams - Happy

Benediction

Postlude