

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

SERMON NOTES

“Born of Water and Spirit”

John 3:1-8

Romans 6:1-4

What’s your story?

An outward sign of an inward grace...

“We believe Baptism signifies entrance into the household of faith, and is a symbol of repentance and inner cleansing from sin, a representation of the new birth in Christ Jesus and a mark of Christian discipleship.”

United Methodist Book of Discipline

Water washes...

Water drowns...

*“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”
(Romans 6:4)*

Water represents...

*"No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit."
(John 3:5)*

*"Baptism is not only a sign of profession and mark of difference whereby Christian are distinguished from others that are not baptized; but it is also a sign of regeneration or the new birth."
United Methodist Book of Discipline*

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." Pope Francis

Water is life...

Additional Notes:

Questions for Further Reflection and Conversation...

- What does your baptism mean to you?
- What do you know about your own baptism? When, where, and how did it happen? What denomination? Who baptized you?
- What are some ways to remember and celebrate your baptism?
- How do you understand the quote by Pope Francis, *"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."*?

Suggested Reading...

- Diana Butler Bass' Grounded: Finding God in the World
- Ian Cron and Suzanne Stabile's The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery
- Mike Mchargue's Finding God in the Waves
- Bianca Jaurez Olthoff's Play With Fire: Discovering Fierce Faith, Unquenchable Passion, and a Life-Giving God
- Ann Voskamp's One Thousand Gifts