

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
Words & Music: John Ylvisaker

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well.
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.

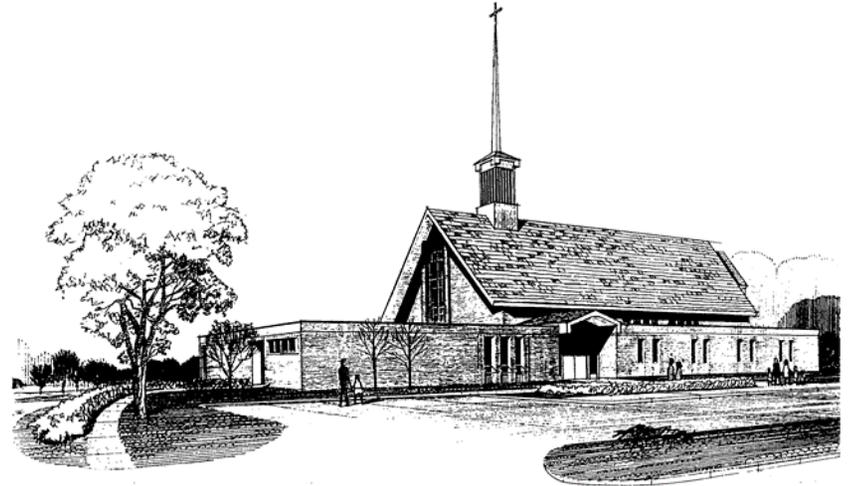
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

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GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:00 am

Rev. Dr. Jan Nicholson Angle
Minister

Pat Brown
Organist

Adam McAllister
Choir Director

Libby Watts
Handbell Choir Director

Jim Harrison
Pianist

Ila Schepisi
Deacon in Residence

Dana E. Watson
Administrative Assistant

Joanna Corvin
Comptroller

Lynn Wright
Custodian

*Please follow the directions of
your ushers and worship leaders.*

*Please welcome one another with handwaves and other non-
verbal signs of celebration and worship.*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

ENTRANCE

GATHERING AND SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into
Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty
acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the
Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Praise
be to God in Jesus Christ! Let us worship our Lord!

OPENING HYMN 577 *God of Grace and God of Glory*
(verses 1,2,& 4)

PRAYERS

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 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.

God of Grace and God of Glory
Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930
Music: John Hughes, 1907

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story.
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us.
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee Whom we adore,
Serving Thee Whom we adore.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROVE WEBSITE: Check out groveumcradford.com for information and updates on what is happening at Grove UMC!

GROVE GREETER: Will be arriving in your email inboxes soon! If you do not receive one, call the church office.

AUTHOR TO PRESENT AND PREACH AT GROVE: Saturday, May 15. Rev. Dr. Donna L. Fowler-Marchant, author of *Mothers in Israel: Methodist Beginnings Through the Eyes of Women*, will offer a presentation on her research and work. She will then bring the message at the 10 am worship service on Sunday May 16.

CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH: We are planning a celebration of our youth and children as they close out their school year. Each youth/child will have a table and the congregation is encouraged to adopt one (or two) and provide a note, goodie, or small gift to celebrate their great accomplishments in a challenging academic year. Our children include: Jackson and Amber Belcher; Libby and Murphy Carchia; Georgiana and Dean Glaviana; Sydney, Ali, Lucy, and Natalie Schepisi;

UPPER ROOMS: The May/June Upper Rooms are in! You may pick them up in the Narthex.

WELCOMING OUR CHILDREN TO WORSHIP: Consider bringing your young one back to church. Our nursery is closed but coloring activities and materials are available in the Narthex.

RADFORD FOOD BANK: We are still collecting food items for the Radford Food Bank. Bring dry or canned goods and place them in the baskets in the lobby.

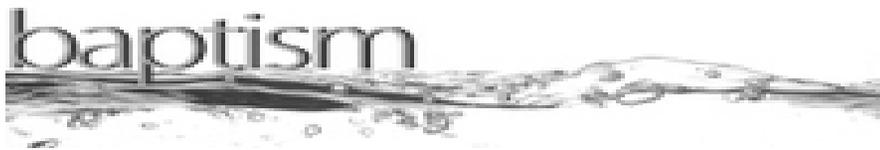
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

NEW TESTAMENT READING	Acts 8:26-40
GOSPEL READING	John 15:1-8
THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Adam McAllister
SERMON	<i>The Holy Spirit and Baptismal Fruit</i> Jan C. Nicholson-Angle
REMEMBERING THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT	
THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION	

SENDING FORTH

HYMN 2051	<i>I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry</i>
OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE	
OFFERING (Touch Free at exit)	
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	
GOING FORTH	

*Thank you for remaining in your seat,
always wearing your mask,
and listening to instead of singing the hymns.
Ushers will dismiss you by rows
at the conclusion of the service.*



WELCOME TO OUR BAPTIZED MEMBERS

It is with joy we welcome our new baptized members: Baker Mark Hahl and Bennett Kohl Hahl, twin sons of David and Jamie (Williams) Hahl. Baker and Bennett were baptized at 9 am this morning at Grove UMC with their parents, grandparents and family present.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Betty Jo Lester, Mary Kate Kidd, Doug McCoy, Jinnie Pennington Lockridge, Amy Black, Keegan, Dennis and Patty McAllister, Junior Surber, Mike Porter, Mildred Wall, Becky Ritter
those homebound, those in assisted living

SERVING TODAY

USHERS

Adam McAllister Betsy Hagan
Bill Williamson

ACOLYTE

Natalie Schepisi

SOUND SYSTEM

Barry Anderson

ALTAR GUILD

Libby Watts & Ovella Wade

COUNTERS

Jean Carson Bob Boggess
Susan Boggess

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE

Spiritual development groups are now forming.

For more information or to sign up, call the church office at 540-639-2807.

JAMES: Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30 pm. “*What does faith without works*” really mean? Discover together as we read and study the Epistle of James. The only material needed is a Bible. This five-week study is facilitated by Rev. Dr. Jan.

CHRIST WALK CRUSHED: Sundays 6:30 pm. Sometimes the best way to deal with stressful situations is to move your feet! This 40 day journey allows participants to experience God through a biblically inspired journey of physical activity and spiritual reflection. Curriculum starts May 2nd with the first meeting May 9th at 6:30 pm. Led by Adam McAllister.

A DISCIPLE’S PATH: A Guide for United Methodists. A study on how to live our Membership Covenant through prayers, presence, gifts and service. You do not have to be a member to attend. Meets hybrid and in person. Begins in May.

MOTHERS in ISRAEL: Methodist Beginnings Through the Eyes of Women. Introduction to study begins Saturday, May 8th, 10 am. (Following dates TBA). This book study looks at how the British women surrounding John Wesley followed Christ’s leading and impacted the growth of what became the Methodist Church. The author of this book will be at Grove UMC the weekend of May 15-16th to meet with the group and members of our congregation.

GARDENERS IN THE GROVE: Meets every Friday morning at 9 am for time of devotion followed by working in the gardens at Grove.

BOOK STUDY: This group reads and studies various social justice topics. They are taking the month of May off, but, watch for a re-start and new book coming in June!