

# Baptism

January 9, 2004

## Opening Song -- "As I Went Down to the River to Pray"

As I went down to the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way.

O brothers, let's go down  
Come on down, don't you wanna go down  
O brothers, let's go down  
Down to the river to pray

## Welcome and Sharing Joys

### Interfaith Responsive Reading

**Reader:** We gather here as an Interfaith Community  
To share and celebrate the gift of life together

*All: Some of us gather as the Children of Israel  
Some of us gather in the name of Jesus of Nazareth  
Some of us gather influenced by each*

**Reader:** Howsoever we come, and whomsoever we are  
May we be moved, In our time together  
To experience that sense of Divine presence in each of us  
Evoked by our worship together

*All: And to know in the wisdom of our hearts  
That deeper unity in which all are one.*

## Reading

## Reflection

## Concerns of the Community

## **Choral Song ~ “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”**

Lord, listen to your children praying  
Lord, send your spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.  
(Repeat)

## **Closing Remarks and Announcements**

### **Benediction and Charge**

*All: May we go out into the world carrying with each of us the love and blessing of this Interfaith Community*

**Reader:** May we continue to hold on to what is good  
and to stand as beacons of light and understanding for all people.

*All: May God’s spirit and peace be with us each now and forever.*

**Reader:** May the Lord bless you and keep you and bring you peace. Amen.

## **Closing Song -- “Wade in the Water”**

*Chorus:*

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children  
Wade in the water; God’s gonna trouble the water!

*Verse:*

Who are those children there dressed in red?  
God’s gonna trouble the waters  
Must be the children that Moses led  
God’s gonna trouble the waters

*Chorus*

*Verse:*

Who are those children there dressed in blue?  
God’s gonna trouble the waters  
Must be the people gonna see this through  
God’s gonna trouble the waters

*Chorus*