

May 26, 2024
Trinity Sunday

SERMON SERIES

Hearts Strangely Warmed

What it Means to be United Methodist in the Bible Belt!

TODAY'S SERMON:

"Clearing Up the Muddy Waters"

Scripture: St. Matthew 28:16-20
(New Revised Standard Version)

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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- 1) "United We Stand: What it Means to be United Methodist"**
- 2) "Preaching Now," featuring Sunday sermons**
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Sermon Notes

Baptism is a powerful force in the life of a Christian, but it can be confusing. What does it really mean? Is there a right way or a wrong way to baptize? Let's see if we can clear up the muddy waters a little bit:

1) Baptism is about _____.

**“Baptism is a fresh start, not a destination.”
- Rev. William B. Kincaid**

2) Baptism is about _____.

“The Church does not dispense the sacrament of baptism in order to acquire for herself an increase in membership but in order to consecrate a human being to God.” - Hans Urs von Balthasar

3) Baptism is about _____.

“All I claim is that Jesus Christ wholly and really *gives* himself in every baptism.” - William Porcher DuBose