

SOUTHSIDE FELLOWSHIP

Creating brave spaces that nurture and inspire the human spirit

Be Amazed: Peace Arises in the Wilderness

December 7th, 2025

GATHERING

"You make beautiful things out of the dust.

You make beautiful things out of us."

Michael Gungor & Lisa Gungor

Welcome

Centering music

Call to Worship

One: This is the irrational season when Love blooms,
bright and wild

All: Had Mary been filled with reason, there'd have
been no room for the child.

One: Let there be moments when Your presence, like
lightning, fills us with wonder, and rising hope

All: As You continue to enter the Danger and Chaos of
our lives may we catch glimpses of the miracles in our
midst – like the birth of the Christ Child,
like the transforming waters of baptism.

Hymns Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord **VT 219**

Come, Though Long-Expected Jesus **VT 218**

HEARING TO THE WORD

Prayer for the Beginning of Advent

Jan Richardson

A time for all God's Children

Hymn Tú has venido a lo orilla **VT 283**

Scripture Mark 1:9 / John 3:5

Homily Birthed Through Water David Moser

Hymn Beautiful Things VT 551

Ramiro's Faith Statement

Baptism of Ramiro Columna

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow **VT 70**

THE WORD IN THE WORLD

Offering

Sharing our lives and our prayers

Prayer of Saint Francis

Hymn Over My Head **VT 594**

Benediction



Father Bernard Bois (French 1934-)
Baptism of Christ,
from the Baoro Church Murals, 1977,
Baoro, Central African Republic.

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