

January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

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Prelude

Baptized in Water
based on a Gaelic tune

Welcome & Announcements

Those who are able are invited to stand after the Welcome for the Call to Worship.

Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

People: Jesus emerges from the water.

Leader: God, Godself confirms the truth of the incarnation. Jesus, the son and a human man is Immanuel, God with us.

People: Jesus is named, and claimed.

Leader: As we witness God's claim on the man Jesus, we remember that we too are all named, and claimed.

People: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

Gathering Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Glory to God #688, v. 1-5

Call to Confession

Leader: God calls the church to follow him, standing by those who suffer and are in need, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Let us confess the ways in which we do not follow God's call.

Responsive Call to Confession

Leader: O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Leader: You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Leader: You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Leader: You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Leader: You stand against injustice. You stand with the wronged.

People: Forgive us when we do not follow you.

Leader: You bring about justice and true peace among people.

People: God, forgive us when we do not follow you. Grant us your grace. Embolden us that, as your people, we may stand where you stand.

(Barbara Hedges-Goetti)

Assurance of God's Grace

Song of Praise

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Glory to God #435, v. 1

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please greet one another with the words, "The Peace of Christ be with you."

Children's Moment

Anthem

The Waters of Life

music by James Biery

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon: "The Baptism of Christ: a Prelude:"

Response to the Word

I've Got Peace Like a River

Glory to God #623, v 1-3

Those who are able are invited to stand for the hymn.

Service of Ordination and Installation

Leader: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Presentation of Those to Be Ordained and Installed as Ruling Elders and Deacons by the Clerk of Session.

The Constitutional Questions to Those To Be Ordained and Installed and to the Congregation.

Prayer of Ordination and Installation by the Pastor Following Invitation to All Present Who Have Been Ordained to Ordered Service to Come Forward for the Laying on of Hands.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation.

Charge to Those Ordained and Installed and to the Congregation.

Prayers of the People

The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

During the offering, please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you. When the pad reaches the end, please pass it back and take note of who is worshipping with you this morning.

Offertory

Gifts of the Spirit

words by Fred Pratt Green, music by Austin C. Lovelace

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Glory to God #607

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Hymn

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Glory to God #407, v. 1-5

Benediction

Please join us following worship for a time of fellowship through the southeast Sanctuary doors to the Chapel.

Postlude

“Air” from Water Music

George Friedrich Handel

After church, all are invited to assist with “un-decking the halls” as the final act of the Christmas season. Please consider staying after worship to help take down and re-pack our holiday decorations for next year.

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – The Reverend Jay Summerville

Liturgist - Brian Gordon

Minister of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – John Roman, pro tem

Acolyte – Katherine Royce

The Trinity Choir:

Soprano – Aleta Porter, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)

Alto – Connie Torretta, Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)

Tenor – Brian Schroer, Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)

Bass – George Van Hare, Nigel Holloway, John Galczynski, Aleksandar Dragojevic (Section Leader)

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