

*Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.*

## **Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

**January 9, 2022**

*The asterisk (\*) indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

### **Silent Prayer of Preparation**

*Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of the human race and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into this same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

### **Gathering Music**

#### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship**

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

-- arr. Wilbur Held

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Introit**

"O Come Let Us Worship"

Thurlow Weed, 2009

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord;

O come, let us worship and bow down, and kneel before our Maker.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

**People: And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Leader: You, creator God, brought light out of the darkness,

**People: You, protector God, marched before your people as a pillar of light in the desert night.**

Leader: Your glory shone from the face of your Son, Jesus Christ,

**People: Who alone could say, I am the light of the world.**

**Leader:** The people who sit in darkness

**People:** **have seen a great light.**

**Leader:** Let us celebrate the light of the world,

**People:** **For upon us the light of the world shines.**

**\*Hymn** "Baptized in Water" #482

### **The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

#### **\*Call to Confession**

#### **\*Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious Father, by water and the Spirit, you have claimed us as children of your covenant, cleansed and made whole in Jesus Christ. Forgive us for preferring darkness to light, for rejecting your gifts and forgetting your love. Forgive us for acting as if we knew of no covenant and belonged only to ourselves. Grant us the gift of your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we might be united with Christ, serving him all our days and becoming a nursery of faith for each child of the covenant whom you have entrusted to us. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

(Silent prayer of confession.)

#### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response** "Spirit of the Living God" #288

### **Ministry of the Word**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **First Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 43:1-7

**Choir Anthem** "The Baptism of Jesus" Austin Lovelace, 1980

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon, but as God's Holy One.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.  
He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended on him, the Holy One,  
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace begun.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:  
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

## **Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 3:21-22

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Jesus Is One of Us”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

## **The Response to the Word**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith (11.2)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

### **\*Hymn**

“Take My Life”

#697

### **Prayers of the People and 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.**

### **Invitation to Offering**

### **\*Response**

Doxology

#606

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

# The Sending of God's People

**\*Closing Hymn**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#465

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Congregational Response**

“We Are the Church”



I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!



All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!

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**\*Postlude** "How Firm a Foundation"

-- arr. Dale Wood

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**Music Director:** Thomas Lloyd

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