

SUNDAY SERVICE FOR JANUARY 9, 2022

PRELUDE “Shall We Gather at the River” -arr. T. Shaw

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As we gather, let us remember the baptism of Jesus.

All: As we worship, let us remember the One Whom God called beloved!

One: As we gather let us remember our own baptisms.

All: As we worship, let us remember that we are also God’s beloved!

One: As we gather, let us remember the One Who calls us out of the waters of baptism into life.

All: As we worship, let us remember that we are all called to follow the Way of Love.

OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

O God, we long to hear your voice. Open our ears that we might hear your call to follow. Open our hearts that we might love as we have been loved. Open our minds that might understand your wisdom. Open our souls that we might believe in your promises. Forgive us when we refuse to listen, when we harden our hearts, when we close our minds and when we fail to believe in you. Forgive us, O God and teach us your Ways made known through your Son, who followed you through the waters of baptism on into life. May your Spirit rest upon us and empower us to Love in the Way of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

• WORDS OF ASSURANCE

• RESPONSE #259 “Spirit of the Living God” *(Sung by all)*

(We encourage masking while singing)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

• GREETING TIME *(As we greet each other please be respectful of each other’s comfort level.)*

MUSICAL RESPONSE “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Who Was There?”

HYMN #75 “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” *(Sung by all. Seated)*

(We encourage masking while singing)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – *Judah Muir Nickels*

Welcome and Assent

Questions of the Parents (*See below*)

Congregational Assent (*Responsively*)

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. We who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise our love and support, and care to the one about to be baptized as he lives and grows in Christ.

All: We promise our love, support, and care.

Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized & Benediction

CHILDREN ARE EXCUSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** (*page 60*)

Second Reading: **Acts 8: 14-17** (*page 126*)

- SERMON HYMN #177 “What Was Your Vow and Vision”

SERMON: “Baptized: Then What?” *Rev. Tim Perkins*

CHORAL ANTHEM “A Baptism Carol” -M. Wilson

CALL TO OFFER OUR TIME AND TALENTS

(Offering plates can be found at the center doors outside the sanctuary. Giving is also possible online through VANCO MOBILE on our website and through the sharing of your gifts in service.)

SILENT REFLECTION

- OFFERTORY RESPONSE #47 “The Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

(We encourage masking while singing.)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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.**

• SENDING HYMN #666 "The Voice of God Is Calling"

• BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "O God Beyond All Praising" -arr. A.L. Page

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Questions for the Parents

Pastor: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Will you encourage this child to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Will you teach this child that he may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Parents: We will, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Parents: We do, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with this child in the Christian faith, to help this child to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that he may affirm his baptism?

Parents: We do, with the help of God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

A BAPTISM CAROL

“This is My beloved, this is My beloved,
This is My beloved Son, who is pleasing in My sight.
This is My beloved, this is My beloved,
This is My beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased.”

When Jesus came to the Jordan to be baptized by John,
God’s love surrounded those who gathered there.
The Spirit of the Lord descended as a dove,
and a voice came from heaven, saying:

“This is My beloved, this is My beloved,
This is My beloved Son, who is pleasing in My sight.
This is My beloved, this is My beloved,
This is My beloved Son, in Him I am well pleased.”

As Christians follow Christ’s example and come to be baptized,
His love is there to guide them on their way.
Bestow, O God, the gift of wonder and of joy
on each lamb of Your own calling.

“This is My beloved, this is My beloved,
This is My beloved child, who is precious in My sight.
This is My beloved, this is My beloved,
This is My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.
This is My beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.”