

Bulletin Information

January 8, 2023

Baptism of the Lord

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

*Call to Worship:

One: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

All: In the waters of the flood, God, cleansed the earth and humankind.

One: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery into liberation.

All: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

One: Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

All: Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

One: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

All: God meant for Jesus to be the first born in a large family. Praise be!

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

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Welcome and Announcements

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer

Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the Lord you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

One: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**All: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

One: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**All: the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

One: The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**All: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

One: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forest bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**All: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
The Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forevermore.
O Lord, give strength to your people;
Give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.**

One: God of splendor your voice thunders over the waters as you reign above the flood. Give strength to your people who are born anew by water and the Spirit, that we may praise your wonderful deeds and give you the glory due your name; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Baptized for Change

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

When Jesus Came to Jordan

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Reaffirmation of Baptism and Eucharist

Sentences of Scripture

Profession of Faith and the Apostles' Creed

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, O God...

Words of Institution

We Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

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*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Song of Hope

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Postlude

Sermon Text for next Sunday: John 1:29-42