



Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022 @ 10:30 am

Liturgist: Kat Ballou

Special Music: Rick Gomez, piano

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship

Chimes: Hymns

Organ Prelude

"I Call to Thee"

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Nursery care is available for infants through age 5 in Room 115.

Because the health and safety of our children is important, we invite children to sit with their families during worship. Kids can pick-up supplies from the worship bag cart or the Prayground space and bring to their spot in the sanctuary.

***Call to Worship**

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

All: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

One: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

All: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

One: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

All: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

***Opening Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA
Glory to God Hymnal #65

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Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

***Opening Prayer**

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Music Meditation *"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"*
Chris Tomlin

Children's Moment

New Testament Lesson Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² 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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Meditation



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.**

“Pray for One Another”

Please pray this week for the following members and families

Clark & Darlene McDonald; Kyle McDonald; Dory Meyer; Roger & Sherri Michaelis, Molly; Fred & Carol Millard; Robbie Millard; John & Debbie Miller, Jamie; Sydney & Shirley Millicans; Robert Molinari; Carl & Barbara Montgomery.

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***Closing Hymn**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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Glory to God Hymnal #688, vs. 1, 2, 3

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Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Benediction

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Organ Response “Go to the World” Ralph Vaughan Williams

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