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INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 10, 2021



Baptism of Jesus, Lorenzo Scott. Smithsonian American Art Museum Gift of Jane and Bert Hunecke

C.J. Briggs, Music Director
Julie Lehmann, Secretary

Lauren Somple, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

*When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with
their flock, The work of Christmas begins. -Howard Thurman*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“The Dove”

Olivier Messiasen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Genesis 1 and Mark 1*)*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;

then God said: Let there be light,

and God saw that it was good.

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.

The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;

then God said: This is my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased.

In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God’s beloved.

Come, let us worship God.

HYMN

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

GTG #24

Words by Catherine Cameron to the tune HOLY MANNA

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

“Jesus is Baptized”

by Desmond Tutu

From the “Children of God Storybook Bible” published by Zonder Kidz

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession.

RESPONSE

“Kyrie Eleison”

arr. C.J. Briggs

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own. **Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION



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THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*based on Psalm 29*)

HEBREW BIBLE

Genesis 1:1-5

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

REPRISE

"Wade in the Water"

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-11

(NRSV)

SERMON

Torn from the Waters

Rev. David B. Wigger

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from a Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING

*Offerings can be mailed in or dropped off during the week.
The office is open Monday-Thursday from 9-Noon.*

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

SENDING

HYMN

“Take Me to the Water”
African American Spiritual

GTG #480

BENEDICTION

Barry C. Black, U.S. Senate Chaplain

Prayer to close the joint session of Congress that began on January 6, 2021
(Video from U.S. House of Representatives Livestream)

POSTLUDE

“Wade in the Water”
African American Spiritual

arr. Chuck Marohnic

Pieces of today's liturgy are from *Presbyterian Outlook*, Roger Gench;
Feasting on the Word, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long

GTG = *Glory to God* (PCUSA Hymnal)

*For all responsive liturgy, leader will read the parts in regular type,
and the congregation may respond with the words in bold.