

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Allegro from Sonata No. 4* Beethoven

The Call to Worship

At the baptism of Jesus, God said:

“You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.”

When we hear God’s call to prayer, God is summoning us:

“You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.”

When we hear God’s call to service, God is inviting us:

“You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.”

When we hear God’s call to repentance, God is welcoming us:

“You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.”

When we feel God’s absence, God is still supporting us:

“You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased.”

Let us worship the God of our baptism, the God who blesses us.

The Hymn of Praise *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* 69
(verses 1&2)

The Call to Confession

A Prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent, be baptized, and prepared the way of the Lord. We return to the water to confess our sins, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the one who has come to save us.

The Prayer of Confession

Psalm 29:1, Mark 1:7

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are, not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us, loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; Now hear us Lord, as we bring individual intentions before you in the silence of our hearts **(Silent Confession)**. O Lord deepen our faith, that we, too might surrender ourselves to you, in Christ the Lord. Amen!

The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel:

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.** Amen!

The Response

Sanctuary

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**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried, and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

The Special Music

We Three Kings

John Henry Hopkins Jr

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

“Holy Ghost Hugs”

Peggy Knutson

The Old Testament Reading

Acts 19:1-7

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

The Sermon

“A Baptismal Blessing”

Pastor Philomena

Our Response to Serve

The Affirmation of Faith

(Confession of 1967, 9.15)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love. Amen

69. O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

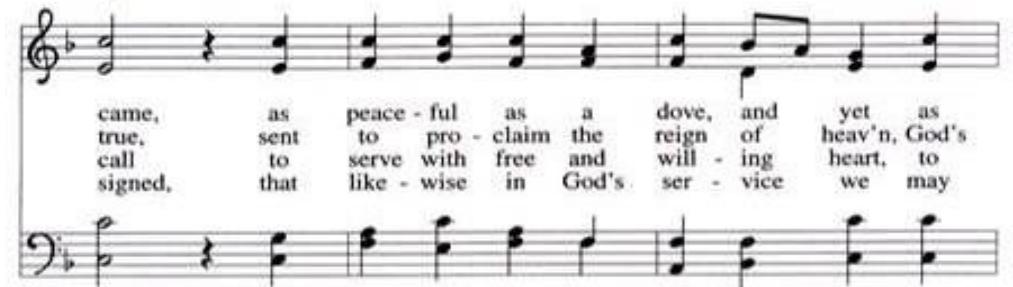
1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright
Thou beamest forth in truth and light!
O Sovereign meek and lowly!
Thou root of Jesse, David's Son,
My Lord and Savior, Thou hast won
My heart to serve Thee solely!
Thou art holy,
Fair and glorious, all victorious,
Rich in blessing,
Rule and might o'er all possessing.

2 Thou heavenly brightness! Light divine!
O deep within my heart now shine,
And make Thee there an altar!
Fill me with joy and strength to be
Thy member, ever joined to Thee
In love that cannot falter!
Toward Thee longing
Doth possess me; turn and bless me;
Here in sadness
Eye and heart long for Thy gladness!

70. Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Acts 19:1-7

Good News Translation

Paul in Ephesus

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior of the province and arrived in Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?”

“We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit,” they answered.

³ “Well, then, what kind of baptism did you receive?” Paul asked.

“The baptism of John,” they answered.

⁴ Paul said, “The baptism of John was for those who turned from their sins; and he told the people of Israel to believe in the one who was coming after him—that is, in Jesus.”

⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ Paul placed his hands on them, and the Holy Spirit came upon them; they spoke in strange tongues and also proclaimed God's message. ⁷ They were about twelve men in all.

Mark 1:4-11

Good News Translation

⁴ So John appeared in the desert, baptizing and preaching. ⁵ “Turn away from your sins and be baptized,” he told the people, “and God will forgive your sins.” ⁶ Many people from the province of Judea and the city of Jerusalem went out to hear John. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan River.

⁷ John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁸ He announced to the people, “The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals. ⁹ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus

¹⁰ Not long afterward Jesus came from Nazareth in the province of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹¹ As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove. ¹² And a voice came from heaven, “You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you.”