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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

Announcements

Prelude

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

arr. Eithun

For Prayer and Reflection:

Jesus, Word of God and Light of the World, your light dances across eternity. Come, Holy Spirit; chip through the ice of our frozen souls, awaken us to God’s warming presence, and open our hearts to the mystery of the Almighty’s divine love.

Call to Worship

based on Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;**

and in his temple all say, ‘Glory!’

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Amen!

Opening Prayer

****Hymn of Praise #9***

“Come, Let Us Praise the Lord” vv. 1,2,4

Darwall’s 148th

Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim,

His greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.

Lift high your songs before his throne

To whom alone all praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare,

The deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care.

He all decrees, who by his hand

Prepared the land and formed the seas.

Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts;

His holy will obey and harden not your hearts.

His ways are best and lead at last,

All troubles past, to perfect rest.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Timeless God, you cast Light into sin's dark places and call us your Beloved. Forgive us:
when we still linger in the shadows;
when we treat others in hurtful ways;
when we speak ill of your friends.**

**As he knelt in the waters of Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus as your Child, pointing to him as the way to you. Forgive us:
when we put ourselves ahead of him;
when we think he is no longer needed;
when we fail to see him in the broken of our world.**

**Baptized and blessed in your living waters, you would have us be your servants in our time. Forgive us:
when we fail to welcome the stranger;
when we refuse to forgive as we should;
when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, the little.**

Silent Confession (Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri** (#734)

“Glory Be to the Father”

Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-13

Sermon

“A Whole New World”

***Hymn of Response #241**

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

Munich

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Litany of Scripture

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each one in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presentation of Candidates for Officers

Deacons: Annette Boelk and Franklin Yartey

Ruling Elders: Bryan Blair and John Dillman

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

**Profession of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions of the Candidates

Constitutional Questions of Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept these sisters and brothers as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Unison Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence. Amen.

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Special Music

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus/Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Sturman

Joys and Concerns

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.

****Sending Hymn #244***

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad” vv. 1,2,6

Puer Nobis

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy:
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptations sharp he knew, for us the tempter overthrew.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad--
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

****Benediction***

****Postlude***

“The Opening Year”

L. Smith

**Those who are able, please stand*

Leaders in worship:

Liturgist: John Eby
Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby
Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel
Piano Soloist: Dick Sturman
Musicians: John Eby, Linda Longfield
Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

Lectionary Reading for January 17

1 Samuel 3:1-510 (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

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