



"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another...  
See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare;  
before they spring into being." Isaiah 42:8-9

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# Come, Worship the Lord, Our God

January 12, 2020

11:00am

## Baptism of the Lord and Holy Communion

### DRAWN INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

#### Welcome and Greeting

*(Please complete Prayer Concerns)*

#### Gathering Prayer:

"I am a baptized person, and today I will live out my baptism." *(Martin Luther placed his hand on his head and repeated this phrase every day. I encourage all of us to do the same! ~PL)*

#### Prelude:

#### Call to Worship:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

**God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Opening Song of Praise:** "Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

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(Prayer Concerns Collected)

### AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

#### \*Call to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

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**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We adore the high and mighty and ignore your humble servant. We act with prejudice and partiality and fail to share your love for all. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out the power of your Spirit and renew us in our calling: to show the wonder of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**\*Time of Silent Confession****\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

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As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us:

**You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

**Gloria Patri:** "Halle, Halle, Halle"

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**Our Faithful Response:** "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

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vv. 1,3,5

**Time With Young Disciples****Anthem:****LISTENING IN GOD'S PRESENCE****Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Lessons:****Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a

covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

### **Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

**Sermon:** "Dearly Beloved"

**The Rev. Leslie Latham**

## **RESPONDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

God has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require? To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

### **Offertory:**

**\*Praising God's Goodness - Doxology**

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**\*Prayer of Dedication:**

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**God of glory, in baptism we dedicate our lives to you. Hold us close in our baptismal vows as we bring ourselves, our time, and our possessions to you, so they may be gifts of your love in a world in which your voice of love is drowned out by violence, hatred and oppression. Use us and all we have in your glory. Amen.**

**\*Remembrance of our Baptism - Affirmation of Faith**

In the beginning, O God, your Spirit moved over the water, and you created all that is, seen and unseen.

**We give you thanks for the gift of water that sustains all life.**

In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil in the water of the flood; and by your saving ark, you gave a new beginning.

**We give you thanks for new beginnings.**

You led Israel through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

**We give you thanks for the gift of freedom and the gift of the land.**

In the water of the Jordan our Lord was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit; by the baptism of his death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death and opened the way to eternal life.

**We give you thanks for our own baptism and the gift of eternal life.**

The Lamb has come to lead us to springs of living water.

**We give you thanks for the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

**We pledge ourselves to be servants to others, to seek not our own good, but to care for the hungry and thirsty people of the world.**

We renew our baptismal covenant with you, O God, praying for the strength to be faithful in all things, to your glory and for the service of your people. Amen.

### **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: Communion for Baptism of the Lord**

**\*Hymn Before Communion:** "We Come as Guests Invited"

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**Communion for Baptism of the Lord:** (see insert)

#### **Pastoral Prayer 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.**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup** (The congregation will walk down the center aisle, take the bread, dip it into the cup and eat. A gluten-free option is available.)

**\*Prayer after Communion**

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**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ABIDING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

**\*Hymn of Sending:** "You Are Mine"

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**\*Benediction:**

**\*Postlude:**

\* Those who are able, please stand

### WORSHIP AIDS:

**Large Print Bulletins, Hymnals & Hearing Devices – available from ushers.**

**Children's Sanctuary - at the rear of the church**

**Baby Changing Tables - in both rest rooms of Church School Building.**

**Deacon's Prayer Chain - To activate Prayer Chain call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319.**

### New Prayer Concerns or Joys

1. Michael Harrington – Laura Marohn's brother who suffered a heart attack
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- 3.

**Prayer Concerns or Joys Last Week:** Bob Palfi home from the hospital; prayers for everyone affected by the fires in Australia; Tom Peasland (Ruth Gebera's son) who is in Hospice Care; Kay Knight who is ill with kidney issues; Nancy Rolando's granddaughter, Elaina, home from hospital; and prayers for our country.

**Continuing Prayers:** : Scott Greenawalt; Pat & Bob Erisman; Kris Yettra; Judy Geerkin; Paul Card; Nadia; Doris Carlson; Bonnie Bringham; Marlene Tyrrell; Deal Kowsky; Bonnie Zimmer; Mary Jo; Shirley Hagle; Jackie; Denis Luzuriaga, Michael, Maras Family, Katie, DeSain & Fluellen Families, Brett, Diane and Bob Eshelman and family, Mary and Norma Bender, Nancy Bassett, Humphrey Family, Scott Bradley, and Joy Welch.

**Prayers and caring for our homebound:** Marge Klinger; Georgia Anson; Fay Tag; Doris Carlson; Alice Weber; Bob Palfi; Lillian Simon; Joy Welch; Wilma Bender; Margaret McBride; Peggy Hess, and Sue Strasser.

*Because God's love is for all - everyone is always welcome.*

*We pray that God may bless you with peace, inspiration, and strength. We are a community, seeking to learn what it means to follow Jesus. No matter what you may be going through, no matter where you may be on your faith journey – you are most welcome here! If you would like more information, please call Judy in the church office @ 692-1319*

**LITURGIST:** Pat Loeswick

**GREETERS:** Linda Barry

**USHERS:** Team 2

**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** are always available to provide confidential support in times of need. Simply call Janet Haacker @ 694-4290.

**REMINDER:** Please call Pastor Leslie @ 490-0420 or Judy in the office @ 692-1319 if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit.

**Service of Healing and Blessing: Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30pm**

A service devoted to healing and wholeness is held the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. This is a "come as you are" service, includes communion, is open and welcoming to all who seek wholeness in their lives, Presbyterian or otherwise. Please join us in the sanctuary.

**Adult Bible Study Class: Sunday, January 19 at 12:15pm**

The Adult Bible Study Class will be held on January 19 at 12:15pm. Feel free to bring a lunch or something to snack on. Any questions, contact Nancy Bassett.

**Hunger Sunday: January 19**

Don't forget that the third Sunday of the month is Hunger Sunday. Food and cash donations are welcome and proceeds are donated to the Twin Cities Community Outreach. Drop off box is in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

**Memory Lane Respite Program: Tuesday, January 21**

The Memory Lane Respite Program will be held from 10:30am-2:30pm. There are many opportunities for you to help in volunteering and no monthly commitment. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, stop by and see what the program is all about or contact Mike Donovan. Fun for all!

**Service Trip to VIVÉ: January 25**

The Mission and Outreach Team will be visiting VIVÉ and installing a coat rack and doing other odd jobs to help support this mission. Everyone is invited to come along and help. More details to follow.

## January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>12</b> Sunday School 9:30a  Town Hall Meeting 9:30am  Worship 11a	<b>13</b> AA 9a	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Healing Service 6:30p	<b>16</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	<b>17</b> UFO 7p	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Sunday School 9:30a  Worship 11a  Hunger Sunday	<b>20</b> Office Closed AA 9a	<b>21</b> Memory Lane 10:30a	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	<b>24</b> UFO 7p	<b>25</b> Mission & Outreach Service Trip To Vivé  Presbytery Mtg Maryvale Drive Pres Church 10a
<b>26</b> Sunday School 9:30a  Worship 11a	<b>27</b> AA 9a  CE 6p Session 7p	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	<b>31</b> UFO 7p	

## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Sunday School 9:30a  Worship 11a	<b>3</b> AA 9a	<b>4</b> Deacons 1p	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  Worship Team 6p  H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	<b>7</b> UFO 7p	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Sunday School 9:30a  Worship 11a	<b>10</b> AA 9a	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> AA 9a Yoga 6:30p Hardcore 30 Fitness 6:30p  H4W 6:30p Choir 7:30p	<b>14</b> UFO 7p	<b>15</b>