

January 9, 2022

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body and/or spirit)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Kum ba Yah - Someone Dreaming

Joel Raney

Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Leader: Just as the body is one and has many members and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

People: For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Leader: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. God has told you what is good: and what does the Lord require of you?

People: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

*Hymn #1

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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Call to Confession

Leader: This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. I will forgive their evil deeds, and I will remember their sin no more. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Prayer of Confession (**unison**)

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting. Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try. We try to block the flow, we redirect the winds of the Spirit, or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power. We parch ourselves. We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the good news! In baptism you were buried with Christ. In baptism also you were raised to life with him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks Be to God!**

Children's Message

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Church

*Passing of the Peace

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 3:15-18, 21-22

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Sermon

“When You Pass through the Waters”

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

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.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism

Invitation to the Font

*"Remember your baptism and be thankful,
and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you."*

Offering

Offertory

Flute Pastoral

Lani Smith

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication (**unison**)

**God Most Holy,
you have set us free to worship you with all our heart, soul,
mind, and strength. Receive these gifts of our substance as acts
of worship, and let all that we do bless your beloved people
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Hymn #482

Baptized in Water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of the Spirit, we are his children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.

*Benediction

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Alleluia! Amen.**

Postlude

Kum ba Yah - Someone Laughing

Joel Raney

Worship Leaders:

Liturgist:	Elder Lisa Barnes
Ushers:	Team D
Zoom Host:	Mike Dingelstadt
Hymn Leadership:	Sean Starke
Piano and Organ:	Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth and Marcello Velame
Video Editing:	Rich Vodhanel
Pastor:	Rev. Katja Gruening

On January 9th, as we recall the baptism of our Lord, you too will be invited to remember and reaffirm your identity as a child included in God's covenant via the waters of baptism. Especially when we don't have frequent baptisms to celebrate, we can grow forgetful of and distant from this claim God has made on our lives: that we are God's people, washed clean of sin and raised from death to life. We invite you come worship on January 9th and reconnect with the grace of the baptismal waters.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, January 30th, 2022, following worship for the purpose of receiving the annual report and 2022 budget, electing church officers, and approving the pastor's terms of call.

The deadline for submitting reports is January 20.

"Reflections On What We Believe"

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:27-28