

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

9:45 A.M.

PRELUDE *Two American Hymn Tunes* Martin

WELCOME *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.)*

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Dawn's Place* Diane DeSieno-Lane

CHORAL INTROIT *All That Hath Life and Breath* Clausen

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia. All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, praise Him! Praise Him, laud Him, praise Him, laud Him, Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 43)

Leader: Thus says the LORD, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

**People: When we pass through the waters, God will be with us.
The rivers shall not overwhelm us.**

Leader: For the LORD, the Holy One of Israel is our Savior.

People: We are precious in the sight of the LORD, and honored; for God declares His love for us; and calls us by His own name. Let us worship the LORD, the Redeemer of all!

HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (stand if able)

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come,
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be.
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism You grafted us into the body of Christ, promising us forgiveness of sin and newness of life. But we fail to live as forgiven people. We keep destructive habits and hold grudges; we allow our past to hold us hostage. We forget that we belong to You, and You have called each of us by name into Your fold. In Your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the claim made upon us at baptism, so we may live as Your people, declaring to all the promise of Your love.....(*time for silent prayers of confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE #582*Glory to God (please stand if able)*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
Whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand if able)*

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.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN**CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “*The Peace of Christ*”**

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.

OFFERTORY

Search Me, O God

K. Lee Scott

Search me, O God and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is evil in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Where shall I go from Your Spirit? And where shall I go from Your presence? If I ascend up to heaven, You are there; if I make the grave my bed, You are there. If I rise on wings of the morning and dwell in lands across the sea, even there will Your hand uphold me; and there will Your right hand sustain me, even there will Your right hand sustain me.

Search me, O God and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is evil in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

DOXOLOGY *(please stand if able)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION*(from PCUSA Mission Yearbook)*

Loving God, thank You for the call that You put in our hearts and upon the gifts in our lives. Use us and what we offer this day to bring hope and healing wherever it is needed. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. *(please be seated)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3: 3-18; 21-23

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He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should

we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Luke 3:21-23: The Baptism of Jesus

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

The Ancestors of Jesus

Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his work. He was the son (as was thought) of Joseph son of Heli,

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Should We Do”

Don Lincoln

HYMN #488 *I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry (stand if able)*

“I was there to hear your borning cry; I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well; in
a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”

Refrain: I was there to hear your borning cry;
I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

“When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”
(Refrain)

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.”
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Laudation

Martin

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning via live stream.