

An Order for the Worship of God

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

Paraments – White

10:45 a.m. Live-Stream

Gathering Music

Mrs. Trish Foy

Invocation

Voluntary

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Pachelbel

Call to Worship

Jonathan McNair

Leader: In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.

All: **God said, “Let there be light!”**

Leader: There was evening and there was morning.

All: **God called it good.**

Leader: Jesus came up from the waters of the Jordan.

All: **God said, “You are my Son, the Beloved.”**

Leader: There was for us a new beginning.

All: **God called it good.**

Leader: We gather here to praise the God of blessing.

All: **This is a day of new beginnings!**

Hymn 252 *When Jesus Came to Jordan* TUNE: ELLACOMBE

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.

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Prayer

**Loving and caring God,
you call us to embrace our identity as your beloved,
to let this identity shape our worship,
and indeed, our very lives.**

**In trust we open ourselves during this time of worship,
that we might receive your transforming Spirit,
and be touched by your never-ending love.**

**As we are brought into intimate experience of you,
help us embrace our identity in you –
that the world will know we are yours. Amen.**

Solo *The Power of Your Love* Bullock/arr. Larson
Madison Byrd, solo; Jan McNair, piano

Lord, I come to you; let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace that I've found in you.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away by the power of your love.

*(Refrain) Hold me close, let your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to your side.
As I walk, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with you;
your Spirit leads me on in the power of your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes; let me see you face to face,
the knowledge of your love as you live in me.
Lord, renew my mind, as your will unfolds in my life,
in living every day by the power of your love. (Refrain)

Children's Time

Rev. Laura Shearer

Concerns and Celebrations

Call to Prayer (solo) *Christ, be Our Light* B. Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

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The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

Those Dark Waters of Chaos

Dr. C. Mark Gooden

Introduction to Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Pastor: Through the reaffirmation of our faith
we renew the covenant declared at our baptism,
acknowledge what God is doing for us,
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.
On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

Response: I do.

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom
and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

Response: I do.

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Response: I do.

Pastor: According to the grace given to you,
will you remain faithful members
of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

Response: I will.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Remembering our Baptism (interacting with the water)

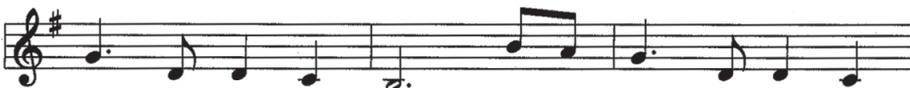
Prayer

God of love,
 we have heard you call us beloved
 and claim us as your own.
 May we always be certain that our identity
 is precious and honored,
 even in the face of voices that tell us differently.
 Let your light shine through us
 as we encounter the places of darkness
 in our lives and in the world.
 Open our ears to hear your voice.
 Open our eyes to see your presence in this world.
 Strengthen us to do your work,
 transforming our fragmented communities
 into your Beloved Community,
 which Jesus preached and lived. Amen.

Hymn *Born-ing Cry*



1. "I was there to hear your born - ing - cry, I'll be
 3. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was
 5. "In the mid - dle ag - es of your life, not too
 7. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

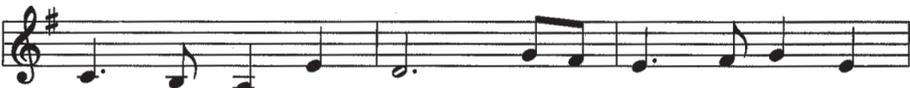


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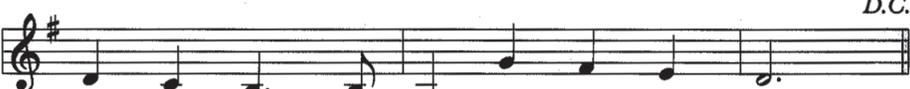
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold."



2. "I was there when you were but a child, with a
 4. "If you find some-one to share your time and you
 6. "When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have



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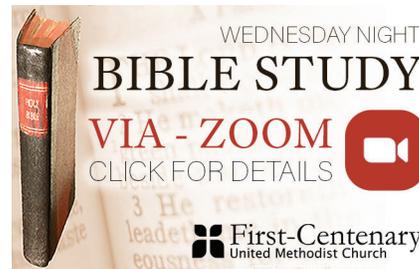
wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Benediction

Voluntary

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Join Pastors Barry, Laura, and Will for a Bible study on Galatians. Each Pastor will bring their unique voice and background to different chapters as they team teach this Bible study.

**January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10
 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.**

Please see the church website or call the church office to sign up to get the link.

Thank you from The Centenary



Because of your generosity every child in our program received a special Christmas gift and children in need received

clothes, shoes, bedspreads, toiletries, blankets, and pajamas. Their families received grocery store gift cards to purchase food.

The kids said it best in some of their notes: "Thank You for the presents I got this year they were all cool" – B., age 6; "Thank you for the love you gave" – T., age 8; "Thank you for giving to our community and the program selflessly during the times we are in" – A., age 15; "I appreciate you so much. Love," A., age 16.