

## An Order for the Worship of God

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

RINGING OF THE BELLS - WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRELUDE

\*Please stand, if able

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

In the beginning, the Spirit of God was moving over the chaos waters

**As Jesus was coming up out of the water, the Spirit of God came down.**

In the beginning, the earth was a formless void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.

**The heavens opened, and a voice said: You are my beloved Son.**

In the beginning, God said, “Let there be light!” And there was light.

**O Lord, we have been baptized with water. Now baptize us with the Holy Spirit.**

OPENING HYMN: #39, I Sing the Mighty Power of God

OPENING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Maker of Light, you have separated light from darkness, and torn the sky in two for the Dove of Heaven to descend. Rest with favor upon us, we pray, that we might know your blessing, employ our voices and talents to your glory, and extend the wonderful news of Jesus Christ to every creature in every corner of the world. One way to share the news is through the prayer your Son taught us, Our Father (debt/debtors).

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even the sinless one, Jesus Christ, submitted to baptism, which marks our lives by a dying sin, a death in which we are made one with Christ.

Therefore, let us confess our sin, joining our sins with Him in His death on the cross, so that Jordan’s waters might carry our sins away. Please take a few moments for self-reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator Spirit, your waters are deep and wide enough to baptize the whole world. The star by which you led the wise men was bright enough for all to see. Yet we confess we love with a narrow love, a love that feels safest and surest among our own. Forgive us, Lord. Bring to us your sanctifying Spirit, that we might love with an ever greater and ever purer love.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

When Christ took on the sins of the world, sin died with Him on the cross. But Christ was also raised up from the water as from the grave. He it is who leads us through the waters and into eternal life. Friends, to the extent that we are live in Christ, we are indeed forgiven and free from sin.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 1:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 19:1-7

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thank be to God.**

\*GLORIA PATRI: #558 (PILGRIM)

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform our minds, comfort our souls and guide our feet.**

SERMON

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN: #465, Baptized in Water (Green)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of love receive these gifts that your mission might be sustained in us, among us, and through us. Make them holy and inspire us in their use, that we might be ever faithful, and ever diligent in making your will and purpose known to others. Amen**

\* CLOSING HYMN: #579, Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Thank you, God, for blessing us with memories of Jesus’ baptism and ours.

Thank you for removing our reluctance, doubt, and fears, for replacing them with courage and commission.

We go forth with your calling, direction, and blessing. Amen.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.**

\*EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES AND POSTLUDE

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Minister  
Liturgist  
Director of Music  
Sunday School Director

Pastor Joseph Hackett  
Mary Kugel  
Sue Laubenheimer  
Julie Kluck

Many thanks to Lorie Mathews for sponsoring the bulletins this morning in memory of her son, John.

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We are happy you are here!

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