

January 10, 2021

Before service speak silently to the Lord, during the service let the Lord speak powerfully to you.

*Service for the
Worship of God*



Our Mission is to be a
community of disciples
with a heart for God
and hands to help others.

* = All who are able please stand. w **boldface** = congregation participates

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Living God, maker of light, thank you for the gift of this day. Let me be a light in your world so that people will look at me and see the goodness of your creation. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

PRELUDE: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Eugene Englert

Gathering in the Lord's Presence

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters...

People: then God said: Let there be light, and God saw that it was good.

Leader: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John. The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove...

People: then God said: this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.

Leader: It is the beginning of this service, of this day, of this week, and the Spirit of the Lord is in our hearts.

People: Let us worship God!

HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are—not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. Help us to remember our promises of baptism to turn from evil and look to you so that we may love you and serve others in your name. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: (*pouring water in the font*) Hear the good news, just as God proclaimed to Jesus, so God proclaims to us through these waters: you are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia, Amen!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:1-8

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Telemann in E Flat*

offered by Mike Miles

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

RESPONSE:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE: *What Happens in Baptism*

Responding to the Word

HYMN #408

There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Meal

Prayer After Communion

Going Forth to Serve

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION:

In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Lauren Cochran, Pastor

Mike Miles, Special Music

Jeff Redick, Reader

Darlene Richards, Organist

Matt Parker Wrzeszcz, Associate Pastor