

# Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God

January 10, 2021

The First Sunday after Epiphany/The Baptism of the Lord

Today's worship is online only

## The Bell Calls Us to Worship

### Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River (Robert Lowry)/

Down to the River to Pray (Traditional Folk Song)

The congregation stands to sing

### Hymn 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

## Opening Sentences

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:** **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

**Prayer for the Day** (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

## Confession of Sin

Unison

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,  
making us part of the body of Christ.**

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,  
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

**We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,  
and are reluctant to welcome one another.**

**In your loving kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin.**

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism,**

**so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace ...**

**Silent Prayers of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon**

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 495**                      We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

**Pastor:**            The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:**            And also with you.

**Passing of the Peace** (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

**Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament**

Genesis 1:1-5

**Psalm 29:1-3a,4,5b,7-8a,9-11**

Unison

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

The voice of the Lord causes the oak trees to whirl  
and strips the forest bare.

and in the temple all cry "Glory."

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!

May the Lord bless his people with peace.

The congregation stands to sing the

**Hymn 554**                      Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

The congregation sits.

**Lesson from Acts**

Acts 19:1-7

**Gospel**

Mark 1:4-11

**Sermon**   **Baptism Q & A**   **Mike Krech**  
“(Paul) said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?’” Acts 19:2a

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 492**   Baptized In Water   Bunessan  
**Apostles’ Creed**   Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional  
**Gloria Patri 579**   Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

**Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

**Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory**   Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth (Kedron)  
United States Harmony, 1799; arr. Wilbur Held

The congregation stands to sing the

**Doxology 592**   Old Hundredth  
**Benediction**  
**Hymn 361**   How Firm a Foundation   Foundation

**Postlude**   I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Ellacombe)  
arr. Douglas Wagner

**Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.**

Today’s worship focuses on the baptism of Jesus and rightly continues the Epiphany season’s theme of the revelation of Christ to all people everywhere. At Jesus’ baptism the voice from heaven proclaims Jesus as the beloved Son. For each of us, baptism was the entry into the Body of Christ, and the sacrament expresses the unity of all believers. JMK