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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

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
God, whose word cannot be broken, Formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.
Round each habitation hovering, See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.

Text: John Newton, 1779; alt.

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN; Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

We Know That Christ Is Raised

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!
A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

Text: John Brownlow Geyer, 1969;

Tune: ENGELBERG; Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces, The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt;

Tune: ASH GROVE; Welsh folk melody; Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

Baptized in Water

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise, Faithfully now God's praises we sing.
Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
One with His rising, Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praises we sing.
Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Text: Michael A. Seward, 1981;

Tune: BUNESSAN; Gaelic melody; Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said that to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Text: "K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787; Ed. John Rippon; alt.

Tune: FOUNDATION; American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832