

# MORNING WORSHIP

January 10, 2021

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Baptism of the Lord GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

WELCOME AND NOTICES

INTROIT

"Take Me to the Water"  
Ivey Cherry, baritone

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On that first day, when time began:

**Congregation: You gave birth to creation; light danced through the darkness;  
then waters of hope flowed free and clear.**

Leader: On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began;

**Congregation: You spoke of life for all Your children, as Your Child stepped  
into the waters of forgiveness, rising in hope with his cousin, John.**

Leader: On this first day of the week, when we begin a new;

**Congregation: You call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to You,  
Your voice claiming us as Your own.**

+HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, Your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about are our own fears, problems, needs, and desires. Help us to notice Your presence. Pour Your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from self-pity and pride. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve You. Wash away our jealousy, greed, negative thoughts and selfish behaviors that prevent us from being the people You call us to be. We repent and turn toward You again. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:17, 18

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

SERMON

“A Rip-Roaring Start”

Lori Archer Raible

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

*The Lord's Supper enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's sustaining grace offered to all people. When we gather at the Lord's Supper the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence, even when we must gather virtually. As the Lord's Supper is celebrated from our sanctuary you are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper at home.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“Pie Jesu” from *Requiem*  
DiAnne Cordell, soprano

Gabriel Fauré

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Siyahamba”  
Translation: “We are Marching in the Light of God”  
DiAnne Cordell, soprano; Ivey Cherry, baritone

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*LITANY OF DEDICATION

Psalm 104

Leader: Bless the Lord, our God, who makes springs gush forth in the valleys; giving drink to every wild animal. By the streams, the birds of the air sing among the branches.

**Congregation: O Lord, the earth is satisfied with Your works!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, our God, who causes the grass to grow for cattle, and plants for people to use, wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

**Congregation: O Lord, how manifold are Your works!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, our God, who welcomes us as children through baptism in Christ. Just as Jesus turned to God in prayer, help us to seek God's will continually.

**Congregation: O Lord, may our offerings support the work of this church,  
lifting up Your hope and new life amongst and beyond our community.  
We dedicate ourselves to serving You through Your beloved Son, Jesus. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

For those worshipping in the Sanctuary, please be seated after the Benediction until after the Postlude ends. Then, take caution to maintain social distance as you exit the Narthex.

\*Those who are able please stand.