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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 
Celebration of Faith



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The Baptism of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Beach Spring*
(Wash, O Wash, Our Sons and Daughters)

Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

written by Caela Wood

Liturgist: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

People: Jesus emerges from the water.

Liturgist: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

People: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Liturgist: Jesus is named. Claimed.

People: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Liturgist: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

People: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

Hymn:

When Jesus Came to Jordan
(Use an alternative tune: *Church's one Foundation* No. 545)

No. 252

1. When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon
but as the sinless one.

He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.

2. He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.

So when the dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.

Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

Opening Prayer

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed Him to be Your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized in His name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Him as their Lord and Savior, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in everlasting glory. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Epistle Reading: *Acts 19: 1-7*

Gospel: *Mark 1: 4-11*

Response:

Liturgist: The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Liturgist The Son bows his head beneath the waters of the Jordan.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Liturgist Christ submits to John's baptism and frees us from slavery.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Liturgist God's love is seen to the end of the world.

People: God has shown himself to us.

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY

Holy, Holy, Holy

vs. 4 of No. 64

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

written by Bruce Prewer [adapted]

Liturgist: We believe in God who speaks through the prophets and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

People: We believe in Christ Jesus, free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners, baptized in the waters of the Jordan.

Liturgist: We believe in the Spirit who rested on Jesus like a dove, and who inspired him with such love as the world has not seen before or since.

People: We believe that those who are baptized into Christ shall share his Spirit, his mission and his ultimate victory over sin and death.

Liturgist: We believe ourselves, as baptized children of God, to be recipients of a healing grace which precedes and supersedes all our personal efforts to be true.

People: With the help of God, we will attempt to live by faith all the days of our lives, and by his grace, dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: Amen!

MESSAGE

"The Baptism of Faith"

Pastor Alan Smith

HYMN

Breathe on My Breath of God

No. 420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love
what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

PRAYER

Prayer of Confession
Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

HYMN

This a Day of New Beginnings

No. 383

1. This is a day
of new beginnings,
time to remember
and move on,

time to believe
what love is bringing,
laying to rest
the pain that's gone.

2. For by the life
and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit,
now as then,

can make for us
a world of difference,
as faith and hope
are born again.

3. Then let us,
with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past
and leave behind

our disappointment,
guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths,
and sure to find.

4. Christ is alive,
and goes before us
to show and share
what love can do.

This is a day
of new beginnings;
our God is making
all things new.

5. In faith we'll gather
round the table
to taste and share
what love can do.

This is a day
of new beginnings;
our God is making
all things new.

BENEDICTION

Liturgist: The baptized Christ is alive, and goes before us, to show and share what love can do. Go forth with new beginnings;

People: Through us, Our God is making all things new. Amen

POSTLUDE

Cornet Voluntary

John Travers

Sermon Outline:

The Baptisms of Faith

Scriptures: Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11

Pastor Alan Smith

We speak of baptism in many ways with both secular and a spiritual understandings...

Baptism by fire... Baptism by trial... Baptism by storm... Baptism by water...

Baptism in the Spirit...

Greek - Baptizo – “to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge, to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water....”

Greek - “bapto” which would point more to “dipping into”.

James Montgomery Boice pointed to transformation and ministry as a reflection that “mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be a union with him, a real change.

John the Baptist: **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near. ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him.’”**

The baptisms of John and Jesus:

1. John prepared the way with the recognition of the necessity and

2. Jesus provided the power and long road affect of transformation.

Mark's Gospel has a way of telling us we are embarking on a journey and not only looking at timing and events.

The baptism of John and the baptism of Jesus recognize a calling to the cleansing of our sinful ways while allowing the Spirit to give us a new mind, a new heart.

Malcolm Muggeridge: "Humankind will not be changed by being taught, but they will be changed by what is caught."

Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

We are committed to:

Connecting persons to Jesus Christ

Connecting with broken and hurting people

Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ

Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry

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Calendar for Week of 1/10/21

SUNDAY

8:30 - Drive In Worship [Parking Lot]

9:45 - Contemporary [live stream Web]

9:45 - Sunday School [zoom]

11:00 - Traditional Worship [web]

6-8 - Youth Night [zoom]

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

7:00 am - Prayer & Sacrament

7:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery

THURSDAY

12:30-4—Prayer Ministry

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00 - Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

6:00 - Drive In Worship [Parking Lot]

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- *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*; Words: Edwin Hatch, 1878; Music: Robert Jackson, 1888.
- *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*; Words: Brian Wren 1978; Music Carlton R. Young, 1984.

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