

# Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of Christ

January 11, 2015

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Grace is the gift which spills like a waterfall, from your heart to ours.  
Joy is the seed planted deep within us. And we cry: "Glory!"*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Cindy Ratliff

\*INTROIT #482

*"Baptized in Water"*

Saward, 1981

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

On that first day, when time began, you gave birth to creation.

*Light danced through the darkness and the waters of hope flowed free and clear.*

On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began, you spoke of life for all your children.

*Your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness, with his cousin, John.*

On this first day of the week, when we begin anew, you call us to faithfulness.

*We open our hearts to you, because your voice claims us as your own.*

On this Lord's day, we begin again to live as God's beloved.

*I am the beloved of Almighty God. I am God's child.*

\*HYMN# 816

*"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"*

Neumark, 1641

CALL TO CONFESSION

You and I are now the ones who step forth out of the safe waters of baptism, to bring hope, to share a word of grace, to carry healing into the brokenness of the lives all around us. Yet, let us confess how we still struggle to follow in faith wherever Jesus leads us. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Timeless God, you cast Light into sin's dark places and call us your Beloved. Forgive us when we still linger in the shadows, or when we treat others in hurtful ways. Baptized and blessed in your living waters, you ask us to be your servants in our time. Forgive us when we fail to welcome the stranger, when we refuse to forgive as we should, when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, the little.*

*Forgive us again, Merciful One, and give us courage to become what you designed us to be. Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have been touched by the waters of life, fed at the Table of grace, embraced in the warmth of the Creator's love, and forgiven by our Gracious God – this is good news!

*Blessed by baptism's water, called to serve God's Beloved, filled with the peace of the Spirit, we are indeed the people of God – redeemed, restored, refreshed to serve. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

#579

ANTHEM

*"He"*

arr. by Mullin

Cindy Ratliff

## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalms 29: 3-11

Bibles, p. 477 / LG. p. 621

Acts 19: 1-7

Bibles, p.130/ LG. p.169

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #688

*"Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart"* (v 1, 2 & 5)

Croley, 1867

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 4-11

Bibles, p. 32 / LG. p. 42

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

SERMON

*"More Than Just Water"*

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"By humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to people in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all God's people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but dying with Christ and rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the*

*church celebrates the renewal of the covenant binding all people to God. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When the baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, have a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life.” This we believe. Amen.* – The Confession of 1967 9.51

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *January Hymn of the Month*

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Sending*

\*HYMN #375

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #134

POSTLUDE

*“Shall We Gather at the River”*

*“Joy to the World!” (v. 1)*

Lowry, 1864

Watts, 1719

Selected

(\*) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15	Kids for God
Thurs. 01/15	2:00 p.m.	L.E.A.N. Meeting

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