

# Service for the Lord's Day

Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Gracious Creator, continue to pour out your Spirit upon us.  
Empower us to love and live as your faithful people.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

\*INTROIT

**"The Lord is my Song"**  
(Chancel Choir)

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who thirst. Come to the font!

***Dip your soul into the water of life.***

Come, all who hunger. Come to the table!

***Eat your fill of the bread of life.***

Come, all who are weary. Come to worship!

***Rest your spirits in the house of God.***

Come, all who thirst. Come, all who hunger. Come, all who are weary.

***Come and worship God!***

\*HYMN #35

**"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

Winkworth, 1863

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another, first in silence, and then together:

SILENT REFLECTION

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God of grace, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for shouting over our neighbors, when your Spirit beckons us to listen. Forgive us for our complacency, when we are called to be agents of change. Forgive us for working, rather than serving. Forgive us for producing, rather than creating. God of grace, have mercy upon us, and move us into life.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise up to fly like eagles, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Thanks be to God.***

\*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.***

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## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7

Bibles, p.631/LG. p.822

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:14-17

Bibles, p.118/LG. p.153

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty.

***Thanks be to God.***

HYMN #76

**"Do Not Be Afraid"**

Patterson, 2004

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-22

Bibles, p.56/LG. p.73

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

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DESCRIPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord who speaks to us, and strengthens us, and blesses us with peace, be all glory and honor forever. ***Amen.***

## Responding

\*HYMN #164

**"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"**

Dunstan, 1991

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- UNISON**

*The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15*

***God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Our response this morning is  *bless us with peace.*)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Selected

**\*DOXOLOGY**

***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.***

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Let us dedicate the offering together:

***We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. Let the gifts of our lives bear witness to your goodness and mercy, your faithfulness and justice, and your steadfast love for all. Amen.***

*Sending*

\*HYMN #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Robinson, 1758

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE

\*RESPONSE “The Lord Is My Song”  
(Chancel Choir)

POSTLUDE Selected

(\* ) Those who are able may stand.

***Bold italic letters*** indicate congregational responses.

**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Debbie Castro, Fonta Conway, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, Kay Warren, Sue Williams, Lavonne and the family of Bob Schauwecker, Carol Scoggins and family, Bill Caldwell (Katie Hurst’s father), the family of John Ben Perry, Erin Renberg, and Bob & Margaret Minton.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Thur. 01/17 L.E.A.N. Meeting 2:00pm

Sun. 01/20 Installation of Ruling Elders



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