

# Bulletin

January 10, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord (on-line worship service)

## WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PASTORAL GREETING

### VIRTUAL PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE *“Creator of the Stars of Night”* setting by David N. Johnson

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke Weber

Ascribe to the Lord the glory that is due God’s name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**The voice of the Lord carries across the waters; the God of glory thunders upon the mighty oceans.**

In the temple of the Lord, all are crying, “Glory!”

**For the Lord sits enthroned above the flood and will give strength and peace to the people of God.**

### HYMN

#### *“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”*

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Music: Trier ms., 15<sup>th</sup> cent; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

Text: Ambrose of Milan, c 374; trans. composite

***O Splendor of God’s glory bright, from light eternal bringing light;  
O Light of Light, light’s living spring, true Day, all days illumining:***

***Come, Holy Sun of heavenly love, rain down your radiance from above,  
And to our inward hearts convey the Holy Spirit’s cloudless ray.***

***O Lord, with each returning morn, your image to our heart is born;  
O may we ever clearly view our Savior and our God in you.***

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Luke Weber

God who formed the heavens and earth, and all that dwell in them – we gratefully acknowledge that by your Word you created us, and that by your Spirit, you continue to sustain us. Yet we have lived as though we were our own, and as though your world belonged to us. We have failed to be good stewards of your creation, and have conducted ourselves as though we belonged to ourselves.

Forgive our resistance to your life-giving Spirit. Fill our hearts with gratitude and humility. Empower us to embrace and display your holy claims on our lives, to the honor of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, your Beloved Son.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Elder Rick Bley

## **ORGAN MEDITATION**

*“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”*  
setting by Johann Gottfried Walther

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Virginia Champlin

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing we may also obey your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Genesis 1: 1-5**

#### **Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

### **Mark 1: 4-11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

#### **The Baptism of Jesus**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

## **RESPONSE**

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Thanks be to God.  
(Deut. 6:6)

## **SERMON**

**“Lighting Our Way”**

Elder Rick Bley

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS – Class of 2024**

**Elders:**

*Rick Bley  
Sigrid Carle  
Scott McKinney  
Cheryl Palmieri  
Beth Reiners*

**Deacons:**

*Cherril Castle  
Jean Harman  
Nancy Miller  
Kathy Poole  
Sharyn Powell  
Laura Snook*

**HYMN**

**“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

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Music and Text: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

*Music and Text © 1970, 1975 Celebration*

***I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.***

***Refrain***

***In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.***

***I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.***

***Refrain***

***I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.***

***Refrain***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

**“The Star Proclaims the King is Here”**

Setting by Johann Christoph Bach