

Order of Worship

Baptism of the Lord

10:30 a.m.

January 10, 2021

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING THE CANDLE

"In the Quietness"

Esther S. Higgins

Please observe a time of silence as we prepare for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are, we too delight in your beloved Son. As in his name we gather in the house of many praises, may the heavens be opened for us, that we may catch a glimpse of that Light and Love that transforms our common days with a beauty not of our making. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

People: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

Leader: The living Christ is with us.

People: Praise the Lord!

INTROIT

"O Worship the Lord"

EPC Brass +

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve you with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. by Stan Pethel

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CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:4-11

Philippians 3:10-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“This Year Will be Different!” Part One

Action Oriented Thinking

1. Focus on Long-Term Goals, not just Short-Term Resolutions.
2. Focus on Progress, not just Perfection.
3. Focus on the How, not just the What.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“And the Glory of the Lord”
arr. by Mark Hayes

G.F. Handel

DOXOLOGY

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Faithful God, bless us in our baptismal calling to be in the ministry of showing hospitality to others. We offer the gifts that we have been given to be used not for conquest and dominance, but for use in liberating the poor and hurting people who pray for our liberation as well as their own. Receive and multiply our gifts for life-giving ministry. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“As the Dear/My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
EPC Brass +

arr. by Stan Pethel

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lift Your Hearts in Praise”

Edward Broughton

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP:

Elder-of-the-Day: Jereme Bintz

Worship Director: Jacob Ellis

Zoom Moderator: Tom Jenney

Music Director: Carolyn Blackburn

Organist/Pianist: Michael Ellis

Camera/Sound: Laurie Van Dyke

Ushers: Julia Siksta and Dirk Van Dyke (Fireside Room)

EPC Brass + is trumpets: Mark Ashby and Claire Juby; horn: Carolyn Blackburn; trombone: John Van Dyke; and piano: Michael Ellis