

Instructions for the Service over Zoom

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Sharing Joys and Concerns

Please use the chat button to convey your celebrations and your prayer concerns so that we can save them to a file and publish them in the prayer list for the congregation on Monday.

Recording this Service

We will record today's service for members and friends who cannot participate in worship at this hour. We will also post an audio of the reading and homily, as well as a print version, on the [sermons page of the church website](#). The service will be ready for viewing beginning on Monday afternoon and will be available until Saturday evening. The link to view the service will be in the Monday e-mail.

A reminder to please put your zoom audio setting on mute upon entering the service.

Thank you!

First Sunday After the Epiphany
January 12, 2025, 10:00 AM
Rev. Rosemary Dawson, Designated Pastor
David Cavallin, Music Director

PRELUDE

David Cavallin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Pastor: Let us welcome one another with the gifts of God's peace

***MOMENT OF CENTERING**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

April West

One: All God's angels give glory to God.

Let us bow in awe before God's majesty.

All: God reigns over all creation.

God blesses his people with strength and peace.

One: God has created us and formed us for God's glory.

God knows us completely and accepts us fully.

All: Throughout our life God is with us.

God's presence guides and sustains us.

One: God calls us by name and renews our life.

God claims us as children and servants.

All: God has sent his Spirit into the world.

Through Christ we are anointed with power.

***HYMN**

"Sing Praise to God"

Black #6 vs 1,3,5,6

GATHERING PRAYER

April West

God of majesty and power, we stand in awe of your goodness and grace. In the waters of baptism, you have named us as your people; precious, gifted, created for your glory.

Renew us today through the power of your Spirit in cleansing waters and purifying fires. Guide us as seek to please you and live as your beloved children, in peace with one another and with all the world. May all we do and say reflect your blessing in Christ.

Amen.

***Please rise in body or Spirit**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with - in me, Bless His

ho - ly Name. He has done great things, He has done great

things, He has done great things, Bless His ho - ly Name.

TEXT and MUSIC: Andraé Crouch; based on Psalm 103

BLESS HIS HOLY NAME
Irregular meter

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7 NRSVU

The second half of the book of Isaiah was written during the Babylonian exile. (6th BCE) And like most prophets, second Isaiah is keenly attuned to world events in the context of divine purposes. To a people in exile Isaiah has the hard task of encouraging faith and faithfulness in difficult times, and also holding them accountable for their faithlessness and disobedience. Today's passage is one of encouragement, reminding the exiles of God's steadfast love, presence and purpose.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NRSVU

In this passage Luke carefully distinguishes the ministries of John and Jesus. Using the crowd as a foil Luke raises the issue of who is the Messiah, God's chosen One. John makes clear the difference in authority and power between him and Jesus, especially in terms of baptism and the gift of the Spirit. It is in Christ's baptism that we see and hear God's affirmation of John's word – the Holy Spirit falls upon Jesus Christ and a voice from heaven proclaims 'You are my Son...'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, " I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

HYMN

"What Was Your Vow and Vision"

Insert

SERMON

"Named and Claimed"

Rev. Rosemary Dawson

PRAYER OF DISCIPLES

O God, my God, known to me in Jesus Christ, I give myself to you as your own, to love and serve you faithfully all the days of my life. Amen.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

David Cavallin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

April West

DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES

OFFERING INVITATION

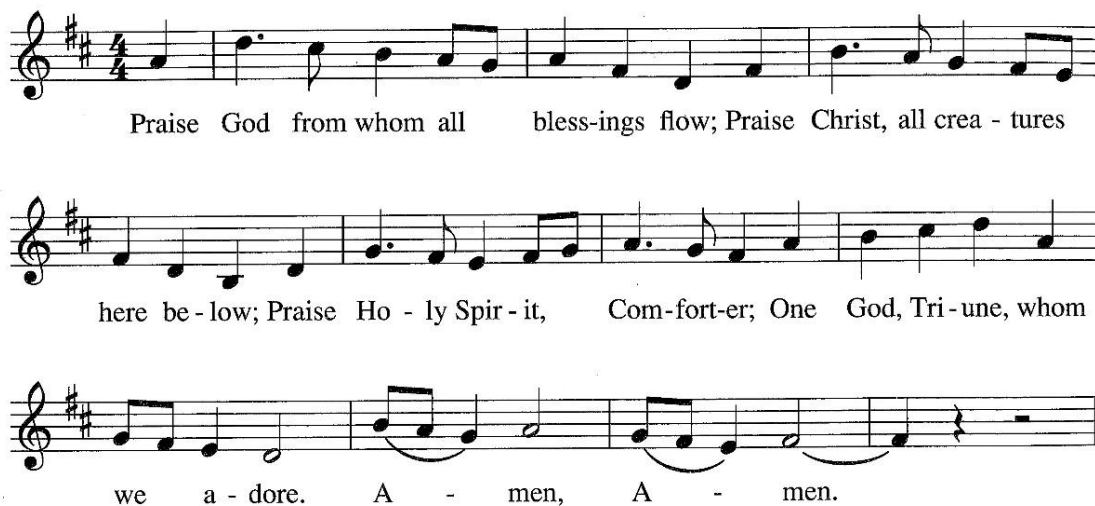
***DOXOLOGY**

Black #776

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Text: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt.

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er; One God, Tri - une, whom
we a - dore. A - men, A - men.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

For claiming us and gifting us, we give you thanks, O God. May our offerings honor you. May our lives reflect your lovingkindness. May our hands share with others the blessings we have received. Use them and us to your glory. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Go My Children”

Black #82

***COMMON COMMISSION**

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the fainthearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

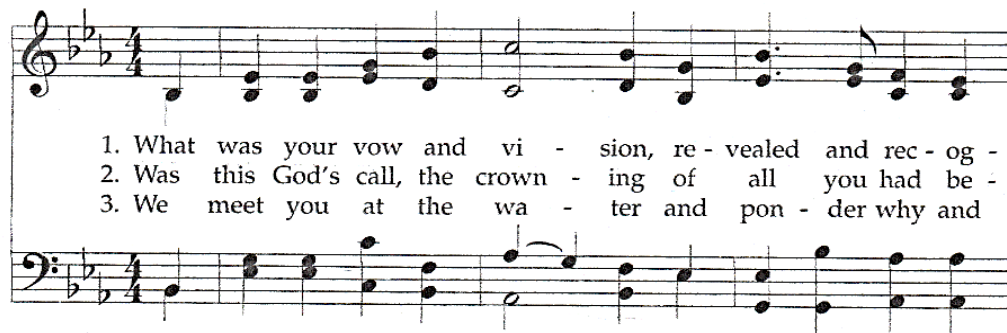
David Cavallin

***Please rise in body or Spirit**

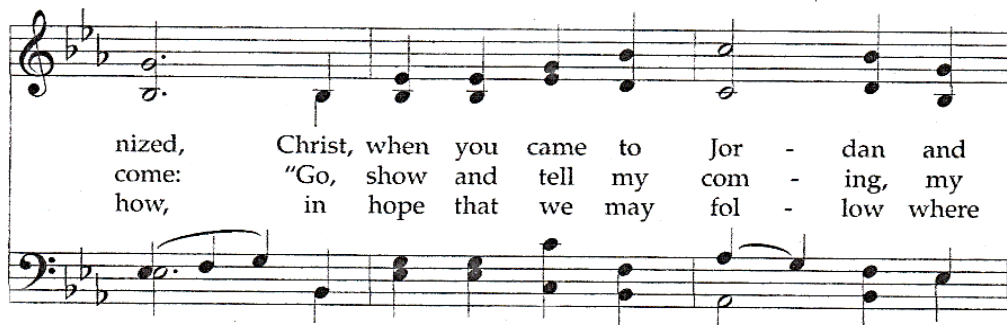


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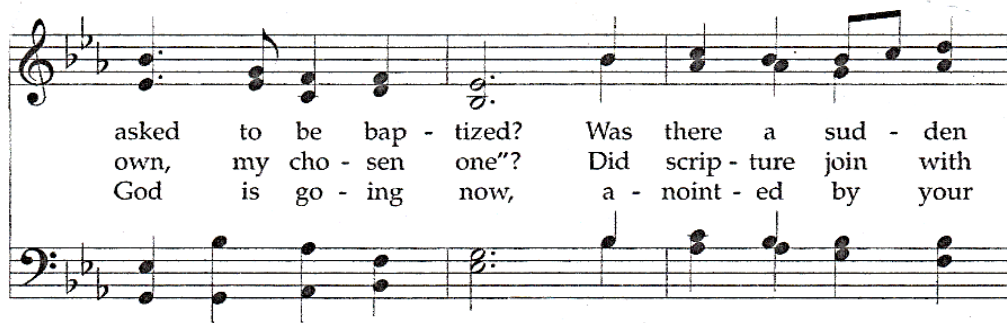
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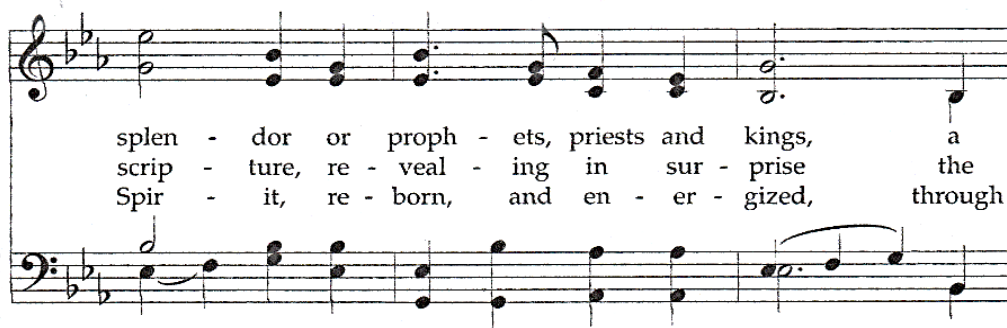
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 2. Was this God's call, the crown - ing of all you had be -
 3. We meet you at the wa - ter and pon - der why and



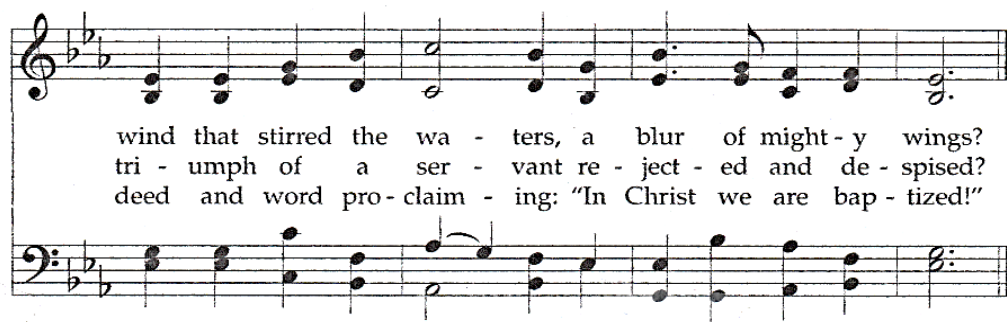
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 how, in hope that we may fol - low where



asked to be bap - tized? Was there a sud - den
 own, my cho - sen one"? Did scrip - ture join with
 God is go - ing now, a - noint - ed by your



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 Spir - it, re - born, and en - er - gized, through



wind that stirred the wa - ters, a blur of might - y wings?
 tri - umph of a ser - vant re - ject - ed and de - spised?
 deed and word pro - claim - ing: "In Christ we are bap - tized!"

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1975, rev. 1994
 MUSIC: *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1986

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Wednesday, January 15th
4:30-6:30PM
Parish Hall

**Join us as we honor our church family
who are 90 and above**

**No reservations are required.
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