

**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Communion**  
**January 9, 2022**  
**9:45 AM**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Lyman Waldron

PRELUDE

*Interlude-Elevation*

Jean Huré

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Siblings and family, today we recall:  
Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

**All: In baptism, our Creator claims us  
and frees us from the power of hatred and death.**

One: In baptism we are joined to Christ  
and we are joined together in unity, recalling

**All: "There is no longer Jew or Greek  
there is no longer slave or free  
there is no longer male or female  
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."**

One: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of divine love. It is the mark of acceptance into the church and the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**All: Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ, remembers  
and celebrates.**

One: Let us celebrate as we worship God together!

HYMN

*When Jesus Came to Jordan*  
(Lyrics and Music at the bottom of the page)

CALL TO PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please Lord, we also pray for: Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Louise Baker, Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, John Glore, Michael Martens, Lois Walsh, & Jordy Writer, and Marion Hornblower whose mother passed away this week.

## CALL TO OFFERING

## OFFERING PRAYER

Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. May these gifts be an avenue for your mission in this world. And let the called and redeemed of God say, Amen

## SCRIPTURE

Elizabeth McNamee

### **Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

### **Matthew 3:13-17**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

## SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Through the words of scripture God spoke to our ancestors and speaks to us anew.

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*Bright Morning Stars*  
Lynn Raymond and Michele Connolly, solos

arr. Alice Parker

SERMON

Rev. Chris Lyman Waldron

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, too often we take you for granted. When you call us to leave the situations that constrain us, we are too complacent to hear your voice, and too timid to leave what is familiar. Grant us insight during this season of Epiphany. Help us to identify the call of Christ. Make us ready to go where you lead us. For you lead us into newness and grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in union)

**“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.**

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

**Thank you God for this meal that we share that reminds us of what we have together as people in community and communion. Help us to be illuminated, to understand more about your ways and the path that you have called us to. During this season of Epiphany, shine a star in front of us that we might follow. Remind us in our daily life the ways that you have nurtured us and help us to act together in the world - as the body of Christ that you have called us to be. Amen.**

HYMN

*#177 What Was Your Vow and Vision*  
(Lyrics at the bottom of the page)

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

*Wie Leuchtet*

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## 241 When Jesus Came to Jordan

1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,  
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

he did not come for par - don but as the sin - less one.  
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - ery bond - age break.

He came to share re - pent - ance with all who mourn their sins,  
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

## **What Was Your Vow and Vision**

What was your vow and vision,  
revealed and recognized,  
Christ, when you came to Jordan  
and asked to be baptized?  
Was there a sudden splendor  
of prophets, priests and kings,  
a wind that stirred the waters,  
a blur of mighty wings?

Was this God's call, the crowning  
of all you had become:  
"Go, show and tell my coming,  
my own, my chosen one"?  
Did scripture join with scripture,  
revealing in surprise  
the triumph of a servant  
rejected and despised?

We meet you at the water  
and ponder why and how,  
in hope that we may follow  
where God is going now,  
anointed by your Spirit,  
reborn, and energized,  
through deed and word proclaiming:  
"In Christ we are baptized!"

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