Order for the Public Worship of God  
January 10, 2021  
Baptism of the Lord  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY          “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”                                  Walter L. Pelz
(see the hymn at #96)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world.
We’ll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

--Charles Wesley, 1739; George D. Elderkin, 1890

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #163                                        “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”                                        ABERYSTWYTH

Wild and lone the prophet's voice echoes through the desert still,
calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God’s will:
“Turn from sin and be baptized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God’s control.”

“Bear the fruit repentance sows: lives of justice, truth, and love.
Trust no other claim than those; set your heart on things above.
Soon the Lord will come in power, burning clean the threshing floor:
then will flames the chaff devour; wheat alone shall fill God’s store.”

With such preaching, stark and bold, John proclaimed salvation near,
and his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on, led by faith through ways untrod,
till we come at last like John to behold the Lamb of God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Eternal God: you make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we can’t forget. We confess we
have spent time without loving, and years without purpose. Daily we have done wrong, and failed
to do what you demand. Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the fu-
ture, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE                                     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.
ANTHEM
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
arr. Mark Hayes

(Chancel Choir, recorded on March 1, 2020, conducted by Mark Hayes)

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to Thee.

― Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

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 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #156
“Sing of God Made Manifest”
SALZBURG

(stanzas 1, 2)
Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”
Then from heaven a double sign—dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:7-11; John 10:10 (NRSV)

SERMON
“Abundant Life”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #610
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace.

The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner’s ears brings life, and health, and peace.
Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY   “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”  
Mark Sedio

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
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   Till we come at last like John to behold the Lamb of God.

While all four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3, this text (well set to a vigorous Welsh tune) draws on the report of his preaching in Matthew 3:1–12. The final lines recall that he was the first to name Jesus “the Lamb of God” (John 1:29, 36).
Sing of God Made Manifest

1 Sing of God made man-i-fest in a child ro-bust and blest,
2 Sing of God made man-i-fest when at Jor-dan John con-fessed,
3 Sing of God made man-i-fest when Christ came as wed-ding guest
4 Sing of God made man-i-fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain’s crest,

to whose home in Beth-le-hem where a star had guid-ed them,
“I should be bap-tized by you, but your bid-ding I will do.”
and at Ca-na gave a sign, turn-ing wa-ter in-to wine;
where the law and proph-ets wan-ed so that Christ a-lone re-mained:

magi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys-te-ri-ous and pro-found:
Then from heaven a dou-ble sign—dove-like Spir-it, voice di-vine-
fur-ther still was love re-vealed as he taught, for-gave, and healed,
glimpse of glo-ry, pledge of grace, given as Je-sus set his face

myrrh and frank-in-cense and gold grave and God and king fore-told.
hailed the true A-noint-ed One: “This is my be-lov-ed Son.”
bring-ing light and life to all who would lis-ten to God’s call.
towards the wait-ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

“Epiphany” means “manifestation” or “showing forth,” and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

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5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH
1 Mil voces para celebrar a mi Libertador,
las glorias de su majestad,
los triunfos de su amor.

KOREAN
1 만 였이 내게 있으면 그 입 다 가지고 내 구주 주신 은총을 눈 감송하였네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

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