

WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR JANUARY 16, 2022

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning* arr. by Janet Linker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, God's peace be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: Whose love and mercy endures forever.

GATHERING SONG

Baptized and Set Free (ELW #453)

- 1 We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and
again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water,
all living things,
and by life that the Spirit
abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home,
may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing,
now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather
to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

All : Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Amanda

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Glory to you O Christ.**

MESSAGE Pastor Amanda

MESSAGE SONG *Baptized in Water* (ELW #456)

1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

**2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

APOSTLES' CREED

THE PRAYERS

After each petition.. P: Lord, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *How Lovely is the Morning Star* by Johann Christoph Bach

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God,

C: as grains of wheat scattered upon this hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION SONGS *Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW #396)

Refrain

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain**

2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW #781)

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your table with bread and wine, body and blood, the very like of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

BLESSING

P: God most high, God with us, God poured out on us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Just a Closer Walk with Thee (ELW #697)

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

SENDING

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D minor*

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