



Sunday Worship
January 9, 2022
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Our God is a God of power and strength!

God has created each of us with tender care.

Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

God walks with each of us every step of the way.

Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.

Our God calls us each by name.

God calls each of us to unite in worship together!

**OPENING PRAYER*

Holy God of glory and majesty, you have called us by name. We pray in this moment for the courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of your Son's baptism, open our hearts also, that we may experience again the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship, that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children. We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A musical score for the opening prayer, consisting of three staves of music in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and
nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -
for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

CALL TO CONFESSION
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for resisting your grace and for denying your name. We have followed our own paths, and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own, loving us without limit. Wash us with your love again, so that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

**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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

**HYMN #488* I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

1. "I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

2. "When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

3. "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

4. "I was there to hear your borne cry; I'll be there when you are old. I rejoice the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON Baptized!

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

**DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

Gracious God, we come today with joy for your baptism. We come with praise for your glory. We come with gratitude for your love. As we offer these gifts to you, send your Spirit upon us, that our hands and our hearts may do your work in the world. As we offer our lives to you, bless us with your strength, that we may join with you to work for the blessing of peace throughout the world. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who is 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.

**HYMN #688 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King; all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind? I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

4. Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh. Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh. Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

5. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

**BENEDICTION AND COMMISSIONING*

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: January 9, 2022

Youth Group: 6:30 Meeting tonight at the church

Wednesday noontime lunch: This Wednesday **January 11, 2022**. Bring your lunch and join us for some mid-week time together. All are welcome!!

Thursday Night Bible Study and Fellowship to resume: **This week! January 13, 7:00pm** all are invited to join on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/127591875>.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE

With the ushering in of the New Year, we remember 2021, such as it was, by our annual report. All reports are due to the church office by January 17.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

January 30th is our annual meeting of the congregation follow worship. The congregation will receive the annual reports, vote on the Ruling Elders and Deacons placed into nomination and the Pastor's terms of call.

Calendar: **January 10** – 10:00am Parish Life Meeting
 January 11 – 10:00am Worship and Music Meeting
 January 11 – 12pm Bring your lunch and gather with us for a mid-week lunch and fun. All are welcome!!!

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, Faith Hyndman, Jim Turner, Sally Thiessen,

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music
Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator Jason Gordon, Youth Director
Frank Orzechoski, Treasurer Chris Miterko, Grounds Keeper

