

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

Prelude (A time for Silence and Reflection)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

L: We know that the voice of the Lord is powerful.

P: We know that the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

L: We believe that the servant of the Lord will not break a bruised reed.

P: We believe that the servant of the Lord will not quench a dim flame.

L: Both these things are true:

P: Our God’s righteousness is a mighty stream,

L: And our Savior is like a lamb.

P: Through the Holy Spirit, we hold space for all aspects of God.

ALL: Today we worship an unknowable God, who loves us and calls us by name, who came to meet us in the person of Jesus Christ.

Hymn of the Month GTG# 519

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

Call to Confession

Those who know God and love God are called to righteousness. We are called, through God, to open the eyes of the blind and establish justice on earth. Yet, we turn time and time again away from this calling. Let us confess our sins to God, our loving and merciful redeemer.

Prayer of Confession

Creator God, in our baptisms, you marked us with your love, inviting us into covenant with you. As we grow older, you reveal more and more of yourself to us. We see and experience the brokenness of the world; we know that we are called to embody your love. But the task sometimes feels too big. It’s easier to ignore the pain of others. It’s easier to choose blindness. Forgive us for forgetting our baptism, for forgetting that our lives are meant for something bigger.

Silent Confession

Assurance of pardon

L: Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God’s Spirit upon us.

P: We are known and loved and forgiven. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Gloria, Gloria, Gloria! Yesterday, today and forever, Gloria
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Prayer for illumination

Almighty God, in this season of Epiphany you invite us to seek Christ’s revelation. In the reading of this Scripture today, give us the eyes to see and ears to hear who Christ is — in the Bible and in the world around us. May this knowledge change us. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42: 1-9

But here is my servant, the one I uphold; my chosen, who brings me delight. I’ve put my spirit upon him; he will bring justice to the nations. He won’t cry out or shout aloud or make his voice heard in public. He won’t break a bruised reed; he won’t extinguish a faint wick, but he will surely bring justice. He won’t be extinguished or broken until he has established justice in the land. The coastlands await his teaching. God the Lord says— the one who created the heavens, the one who stretched them out, the one who spread out the earth and its offspring, the one who gave breath to its people and life to those who walk on it— I, the Lord, have called you for a good reason. I will grasp your hand and guard you, and give you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations, to open blind eyes, to lead the prisoners from prison, and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon. I am the Lord; that is my name; I don’t hand out my glory to others or my praise to idols. The things announced in the past—look—they’ve already happened, but I’m declaring new things. Before they even appear, I tell you about them.

L: This is the word God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?” Jesus answered, “Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness.” So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him.”

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“We Dearly Love You”

Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez

Hymn GTG# 688

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My heart (vv.1, 3 and 5)”

THE EUCHARIST

***Invitation to the table**

***Breaking of the Bread**

Hymn GTG#505

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Words of Gratitude

One way that we can live into our baptism is to share our resources with others and invest in the church, God’s chosen vehicle for action in this world. Let us give freely in faith that whatever we give will be blessed by God to be a blessing to others.

RESPOND IN GRACE

Offertory GTG#693

“Though I May Speak” (verses 1 & 2)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

*** Doxology** GTG#693

“Though I May Speak” (verse 3)

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

Prayer of Dedication

Heavenly Parent, we offer you these gifts. Please bless them, just as you bless those who gave them and those who will receive them. May the sharing of this money remind us of the connection that holds us all together and the beloved community you call us to form.

Prayers of the People (See backpage)

***Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn GTG#408

“There’s a Sweets Sweet Spirit”

Announcements

Benediction

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

Beloveds, remember your baptism. Go from here with the confidence that God sees you, that God calls you, that God delights in you. In you, God is well pleased. In this confidence, let us open hearts to the Spirit that we may work together, with the Holy Spirit, to bring compassionate justice in every aspect of our lives. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

Prayers of the People

Almighty God, there is so much hate in the world, it can throw us off balance. We pray for those who are fleeing home because they have no other option. We pray for those who do not feel safe. We pray for those who are spending yet another holiday season away from their family. We pray for those whose hearts are hardened by fear and anger. Center us, God, amongst the fear, violence, and hate. Help us to stay grounded in you.

Lord, you are the creator and lover of justice. We pray for President Biden, for our Governor, for our Mayor, and all of our state and local government officials. Please guide our political leaders. Surround them with wise people. Help them to cut through bureaucracy and power struggles to help those on the margins of society.

Unifying God, we pray for the universal church. We pray for our Anglican siblings, who are fighting over LGBTQIA rights. We pray for our Methodist siblings, who are navigating a fracturing body. We pray for the PC(USA) with our own divisions. Christ, help us, the church, to find you. May religion and tradition not distract us from the movement of your Spirit.

All-knowing God, you care about the smallest details. In Christ, you saw the bleeding woman, nobody else would see. You touched a leper. We know that you see us here in this room. We know that you care about our lives. And so, with faith in your compassion, we pray for our church members and their families.

The season of Epiphany reminds us how you are constantly revealing yourself to us, God. The realization of Christ never ends. With that in mind, we give you thanks silently or aloud for the ways that we have experienced you just today.

Christ, you are alive. You are present. You are working in the world. And it is in your name that we pray together the way you taught us, "Our Father..."

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***"A multicultural congregation worshipping together
where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and
children share in leadership; and where the strength
of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."***

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2022

- In person Hybrid worship at 11AM
- English Bible Study Thursday's at 11:00AM.
- Spanish Bible Study will be Wednesday's at 10:00AM.
- Prayer Time on Friday's at 11AM via zoom.
- Session Meeting Monday, January 30th at 7PM via zoom
- Communion will be today
- Annual Congregational Meeting will take place February 5th following worship. This will be a hybrid service.
- Session Meeting Monday, February 9th at 7PM via zoom

-Zoom worship Service at 11:00AM

By Computer/Por Computadora

Join Zoom Meeting

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Prayers and Praise

Please pray for Everyone in leadership

Please pray for Keeping Communities Safe

Please pray for Children/ families

Please pray for The Boateng Family

Please pray for The Otu's family

Please pray for The Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for The Sevilla's family

Please pray for Those who harm

Please pray for Peace in the middle of violence

Please pray for The Dyckman's Family

Please pray for The Ozuna Family

Please pray for The Reda's family

Please pray for People struggling with cancer. For healing

Please pray for For the physical and spiritual shape of our nation

Please pray for For leaders, people in a position of authority

Please Pray for Lima family

Please pray for Israel and Palestine

Please Pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Praise Songs and Hymns

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak;

You are my strength when I am weak;
you are the treasure that I seek;
you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up;
when I am dry, you fill my cup;
you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
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Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart;

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.

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!

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.

The Trumpets Sound; the Angels Sing;

The trumpets sound; the angels sing; the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heaven are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain:

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.

Come and revel in heaven's love and light.

Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things; O taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. (Refrain)

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. (Refrain)

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)