

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – January 10, 2021, 9:15 AM

## Announcements

Music Prelude (Video)

*I Believe*

## Greeting & Candle Lighting (2 Corinthians 4:6)

For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us worship the God of Love! Let us worship the God of Light! **Amen!**

Opening Hymn

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

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## Opening Prayer (Unison, UM Book of Worship)

**Everlasting God, you gave us the faith of Christ for a light to our feet amid the darkness of this world. Have pity on all who, by doubting or denying it, are gone astray from the path of safety. Bring home the truth to their hearts, and grant them to receive it, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

Quartet

Moment for Ministry (Video)

BAUMC Racial Justice Team

Tom Bonomo

## Prayer for the Nation (Book of Common Prayer, Anglican/Episcopal)

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known, but the strength of love. So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of the one God and Creator of us all, to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 9-15 (NRSV)

### The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

### The Temptation of Jesus

<sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

### The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Sermon

“Wilderness Questions”

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Music Reflection

Jeff Beyers, Organist

Communion

The Lord’s Prayer

## Benediction

## Postlude

Jeff Beyers, Organist

## Offering our Gifts to the Lord

**Rejoice, the Lord is King** (Charles Wesley, 1746)

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains he took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n,  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home;  
We soon shall hear th' archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

**God Be with You till We Meet Again** (Jeremiah Rankin, 1880)

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

**Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

God be with you till we meet again, neath his wings securely hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (**Refrain**)

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,  
Put his arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again. (**Refrain**)

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again. (**Refrain**)

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to God through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

**Love as Jesus Loves!**