BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12, 2025
10:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - FAMILY PROMISE Tara Maffei

PRELUDE *We are One in the Spirit* Scholtes/arr. Phillips
(Isaac Mingus, Mark DeRose, Steven Phillips)

Psalm 29

CALL TO WORSHIP Mariah Martin

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

***HYMN 450** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.
We allow the past to hold us captive.

In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promises of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SONG OF JOY** Gloria in Excelsis Deo TAIZÉ

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

RECOGINITION OF 20 YEARS SERVICE - RACHEL MARTIN

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Somebody's Calling My Name* Spiritual/arr. Ferguson
(The Chancel Choir)

Hush, hush! Somebody's calling my name!
Don't you hear, don't you hear? He's calling my name.

Sounds like Jesus, Jesus a-calling your name.
Don't you hear? (Yes, I hear!) He's calling your name.

I'm so glad Jesus is calling my name.
Brothers can't you hear? Sisters can't you hear?

Hush, hush! Is Jesus calling your name?
Can you hear, can you hear?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Page 935 **SCRIPTURE READINGS** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *When Down is Up* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Mariah Martin

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly* Barret, Ingram, Tomlin

Verse 1
It all comes down to this:
what you require of me,
love my neighbor as myself,
and You above all things.

Chorus
Act justly, love mercy,
walk humbly with you, God.
In all things in all ways,
walk humbly with you, God.

Verse 2
It all comes down to this:
to be Your hands and feet,
good news to all the world;
the truth will set us free! (Chorus)

Bridge
It's beauty for ashes,
it's mourning to dancing,
it's closer and closer,
the Kingdom of heaven!

Verse 3
Years from now we'll see
the fruit our hands have sown,
faith just like a seed,
the only way it grows. (Chorus)

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (PRAISE GOD) Hopson

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *A Declaration of Faith* (1977)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Mariah Martin

We believe that in baptism
the Spirit demonstrates and confirms God's promise
to include us and our children in his gracious covenant,
cleansing us from sin, and giving us newness of life,
as participants in Christ's death and resurrection.
In baptism we give ourselves up in faith
and repentance to be the Lord's.
For both children and adults, baptism is a reminder
that God loves us long before we can love God.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 69** (vv. 1 & 3) *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* Daniel Schutte

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:
Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?* Martin Smith

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.