



*This Little
Light..*

“This Little Light
Shines Bright
with Hope”

Isaiah 42: 1-9

January 11, 2026
Baptism of the Lord

Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Yates

Liturgist: Marie Fry

Psalmist: Thom Hinks

Greeter: Birgitta Gustafson

Ushers: Bill Cox, Craig Kelley, Virginia Kelley, Camise Kettner

Early Morning Security: Pat Gerlach

January Sanctuary Stewards: Ginny O'Neill and Scott Roberts

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

Introit *In Excelsis Gloria!*

Chancel Choir

Prelude

Call to Worship (from Psalm 9)

Marie Fry

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart and tell
of your wonderful deeds.

**People: I will be glad and exult in the Lord and sing praise to
your name, O Most High.**

Leader: The Lord is a stronghold for times of trouble

People: And those who know your name put their trust in you.

All: Sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion!

***Hymn #645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Prayer of Confession (unison):

All: Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.

We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed.

We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways.

Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world.

By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Hear now our silent prayers.

Silent Prayer

Choral Response *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #581 *Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri*

Prayer for Illumination

Marie Fry

Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17
(This can be found on p.879, in your pew Bible)

Marie Fry

Reading from the Psalter Psalm 29
(This can be found on p. 494 of your pew Bible.)

Thom Hinks

Anthem *Hasten Swiftly, Hasten Softly* Chancel Choir

Reading from the Old Testament: Isaiah 42: 1-9
(This can be found on p. 657 of your pew Bible.)
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Calling and Equipping Rev. Frank Yates

***Hymn #460** *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Choral Call to Prayer *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering Marie Fry

Offertory

***Doxology**

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

Prayer of Dedication

Marie Fry

Service of Ordination and Installation

Statement on Ordination

Affirmation of Faith Hymnal p.17 *The Apostle's Creed*

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination/Welcome and Charge

***Sending Song #69:** *Here I am, Lord*

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction *Go Now in Love and Peace*

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al - might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

THANKSGIVING

mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for Thanksgiving. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics: "mur - mur stilled:", "all is right:", "cho - sen band:", and "take your part:". The bass staff contains a bass line with lyrics: "to God all praise and glo - ry!". The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line under the treble staff and the remaining three lines under the bass staff. The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a church service.

Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The phrase "bread of life" as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord's Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua Assembly.

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

— Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 — I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.