

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 8th, 2017

Baptism of the Lord

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the prelude starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

Prelude

Welcome *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Kathy Swisher

Prayer of the Day *(unison)*

Speak to us, Giver of Life, and make us new. Send your Holy Spirit upon us. Create in us open minds and receptive hearts. Speak to us words of comfort and hope, words of challenge and courage, Move among us purifying us, enlightening us, empowering us and awakening in us trust in you, so that we will follow wherever you lead. Amen.

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: and also with you.

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found.

People: Call upon him while he is near.

Leader: Let the wicked forsake their ways,

People: and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Leader: Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy upon them,

People: And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Leader: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts," says the Lord, "neither are your ways my ways."

People: As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways higher than our ways and God's thoughts than our thoughts. (Is. 55:6-9)

•Hymn Insert *"We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

We confess, Glorious One, that we are quick to criticize what we don't understand and eager to judge what we can't fully comprehend. When you act in ways we do not expect, we are caught off guard and react with fear. We prefer to walk in familiar, easy paths and hesitant to follow when you give us new opportunities and new challenges. Forgive our timidity and lack of trust in you. Give us confidence in your power

and love, so that we can find in you the courage we need to hear and to act when you call us to do new things.

Moment of Silent Confession

Kyrie 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon *(Respond with Alleluia, Amen!)*

•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 *(refrain)*

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

•The Peace

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you.

•Hymn 322 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

•Gloria Patri (#579)

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading: Acts 11:1-18 *(page 120)*

Kathy Swisher

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house

and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Children's Sermon

Anthem "Majesty" *(Jack Hayford b. 1932)* Adult Choir

Second Scripture "Reading: Mark 2:18-22 *(pages 33-34)*

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day. "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "When God Gives New Directions" Rev. J. Malcolm Brownlee

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed

•Hymn 281 *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

Announcements/Joys & Concerns Kathy Swisher

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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THE SESSION

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Mission Statement

We strive to live peacefully with all and respect one another while loving and serving the Lord; our doors and mission are open to all.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus Hymn 581 "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Response

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Epiklesis, Intercession for the Church and World and The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 505 *"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"*

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" #280 (verse 4)

The Lord has prom-ised good to me,

His word my hope se-cures;

He will my shield and por-tion be

As long as life en-dures.

Postlude

Serving During The Worship

Service Today

Greeters Bob & Louise Hoy

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