

First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood Online Worship Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 10, 2021

PRELUDE

THE WELCOME & SHARING OF CHURCH LIFE

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul,

Awake, harp and lyre;

I will awaken the dawn!

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You among the nations,

For Your lovingkindness is great above the heavens,

And Your truth reaches to the skies.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, And Your glory above all the earth!

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!

HYMN #482

"Baptized in Water"

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King;

one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.

3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King; born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Heavenly Father, where can we go from Your Spirit? Or where can we flee from presence? If we ascend to heaven, you are there; if we make our bed in Sheol, you are there. Our lives are but open books before your eyes; we cannot hide. Against you only have we sinned and done that which displeases and dishonors you. Through our thoughts, our words, and our actions, we have transgressed. In your mercy and kindness, and for your Name's sake, we ask for your forgiveness. In the Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

RESPONSE #582

"Glory to God"

- 1 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
- 2 World without end, without end. Amen.World without end, without end. Amen.World without end, without end. Amen.As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 6:1-11

¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

ANTHEM #479

"Come Now to the Water"

Refrain:

Ho, all who thirst,

come now to the water.

and all whose souls are parched

and weary, come and drink!

Ho, all who thirst,

come now to the water,

and from your heart will flow

a never-failing spring!

1 Why forsake the Lord, the fount of living water, choosing broken cups that cannot be filled?

- 2 For the Lamb will be our shepherd and will guide us to the wellsprings of the water of life.
- 3 All who come may take this gift of living water. They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Baptism and Its Significance"

The Rev. Anthony Rivera

HYMN #297

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

- 1 In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.
- 2 In Christ called to banquet, one table we share,a haven of welcome, a circle of care.Although we are many, we share in one bread.One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.
- 3 In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach. By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.
- 4 Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #480

1 Take me to the water. Take me to the water. Take me to the water to be baptized.

2 I love Jesus. I love Jesus. I love Jesus, yes, I do.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Take Me to the Water"

3 He's my Savior. He's my Savior. He's my Savior, yes, he is.

4 Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah. Glory hallelujah to be baptized.

Participants in this worship service:

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