



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

Westminster Peal

Prelude

"Amazing Grace"

by Mark Hayes

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Susan Haynes

Introit "Sing of God Made Manifest" by Carl Daw, Jr., Jakob Hintze, J.S. Bach
*Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign – dove-like Spirit, voice divine –
Hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."*

† **Gathering as the Children of God**

Rev. Haynes

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.
All: *The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.*
One: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."
All: *And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"*
One: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.
All: *Let us worship God in holy splendor.*

† **Hymn No. 492**

"Baptized in Water"

† **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Elder Donna Martin

***We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved.
We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.
We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others
and hurts your world.
We are sorry and we want to change.
Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another,
and bless us with your peace. Amen.***

† **Assurance of Pardon**

Elder Martin

One: Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned and be at peace
to love the Lord and serve the world.
All: *Thanks be to God!*

† Those who are able, please stand

† **Response** "Glory to the Father" (Hymn no. 567)
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

† **Passing of the Peace** Elder Martin
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Elizabeth Small

Gospel Lesson (p. 56 NT) Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Elizabeth Small

Anthem/Special Music "The Grace Divine" arr. Roger Price

*Come, let us use the grace divine; and all with one accord,
In a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;
Give up ourselves, through Jesus' power, his name to glorify;
And promise in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.
The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;
We will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.
We never will throw off the fear of God who hears our vow;
And if thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,
Present with thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;
To each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,
And register our names on high and keep us to that day!*

Old Testament Lesson (pg. 631 OT) Isaiah 43:1-7 Rev. Haynes

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "This Too Shall Pass" Rev. Haynes

† **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostle's Creed Rev. Haynes

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Hymn No. 404

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Small

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Moved by the Spirit

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Hannah Hagenau

Offering

Offertory

"The Seasons, Op. 37a: Barcarole"

by Tchaikovsky

† **Response**

The 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 Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Haynes

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.

SENDING

† **Closing Hymn No. 443**

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

† **Benediction**

Rev. Haynes

† **Congregational Response** (*hymn no. 588*)

"Amen"

† **Postlude**

"Trumpet Voluntary"

by John Travers

† Those who are able, please stand



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