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Celebrating our history, we look toward our future.



The Order of Worship

Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018

WELCOME. *We are delighted to have you with us this morning!
Following worship, please join us for fellowship and refreshments.*

Large Print Hymnals and Children's Activity Bags
are available from the Usher.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: God said, “This is my Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**All: But this one has no splendor,
no beauty that we would fancy.**

One: “This is my child, in whom I take delight.”

**Men: But this one carries the load of a servant,
not the scepter of a king.**

One: “This is my child, whom I have called.”

**Women: But this one demands justice from all.
He would release the prisoners
and set the captives free.**

One: “This is my child; I give him to you.”

**All: Surely this child will bear our suffering on his shoulders
and carry our rejection in his heart.
And then like a lamb, he will be led to the slaughter.**

One: Still our God declares: “This is my beloved child,
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.”
Therefore, let us praise and worship our God.

***Hymn #475** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

*Prayer of Confession:

One: We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, in freedom let us confess the wrongs we have done. Let us pray...

**All: 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 sisters and brothers in Christ.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.
We allow the past to hold us hostage
and fear the unfolding future.
In your loving-kindness have mercy on us
and free us from sin.
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life
and live together in grace.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence.... Amen.

***The Assurance of Pardon**

One: Hear the good news!

In baptism we were buried with Christ.

All: In baptism we were raised to new life with him.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Celebration of Our Pardon** “*Gloria, Gloria*”

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!
(sung through twice)

***The Peace**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

All: Let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you
with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 3:2-22

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Remember Your Baptism"
Rev. Dr. Steve Robertson

***Hymn #482** "*Baptized in Water*"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper **The Invitation**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

One: It is indeed right....

(the prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. You are invited to come forward to receive the elements. If you are unable to move forward the servers will come to you in your pew.

Prayer Following the Meal

**We give you thanks, gracious God,
that through the incarnation of your Son Jesus,
and through his baptism and in our baptism,
you have shown us your love in very visible ways.**

And now in this holy feast,

**we have again been refreshed by Christ
and by the Holy Spirit
for our lives of faith and witness.**

Strengthen us and support us

in our joyful service to all the world.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray. Amen.

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

*Offertory Response

TUNE: *God Rest You Merry*

*Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place.
To share Christ's peace and show your love,
Each other now embrace.
This welcome word of God's good news,
Brings us redeeming grace.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #136 “Go, Tell It On the Mountain”

*Charge and Blessing

*Response

Hymn #137 “He Came Down”

*He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
Hallelujah for evermore!
(sung through twice)*

Postlude

Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain: Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found on the table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Pass the card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace.

This service is broadcast each Sunday on station KDWA 1460 AM/97.7 FM, and is lived streamed on www.kdwa.com.