



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019 11:05am

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

PRELUDE "Prelude (No. 1, from Well-Tempered Clavichord)" J.S. Bach
Linda Dover, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
One: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.
All: Jesus emerges from the water.
One: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.
All: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."
One: Jesus is named. Claimed.
All: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.
One: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.
All: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

*HYMN 488 "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" WATERLIFE

*During the Hymn all are welcome to come to the bowl of water and dip your fingers into the water. You may wish to mark your forehead with the sign of the cross.
Breathe in saying, "You have called me by name."
Exhale saying, "I am yours. I am baptized."*

COME AS A CHILD
(Afterwards, children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship service. Greeters will meet the children at the back of the sanctuary and go to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up children when worship is over.)

Sing 486, v. 4 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"
*Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.*

BAPTISMAL PRAYER *(unison)*
**May the blessing of the three-in-one God be ours.
May the Spirit bless us with hope
poured out like water and flowing as the river.**

**May Jesus bless us with discomfort
at injustice and oppression.**

**May the Creator who holds the earth
as an artist holds brush and palette
fill our imagination so that we always find the world
inspiring and wonderful.**

**May God in whose being beauty shines on us
journey with each one of us.**

**May we hear God speaking to us, "You are my beloved,
be blessed this day and always."**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
One: May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.
All: And also with you and all others!
(Let us greet one another with expressions of love.)

*HYMN 481 "I Believe in God the Father" GENEVAN 42

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

*Equipping People to Develop and Share a
Faith That Works in Real Life*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7 John Gilbert
(Old Testament, Page 672)

SUNG SCRIPTURE "Sure Foundation" by Mark Hayes
*with "How Firm a Foundation" Based on Isaiah 43:1-2
Chancel Choir*

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
When you pass through the river, I am there.
Floods may seem to overwhelm you, but this one thing is sure:
I will never forsake you; do not fear.
When you pass through the fire you shall not be burned.
When the flame would consume you, I am there
Fiery trials may assail you, but this one thing is sure:
I will never forsake you; do not fear.
Do not fear, I have redeemed you. I have called you, you are mine.
You can trust my sure foundation, until the end of time.
"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid:
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
(New Testament, Page 60)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Deep Well of Meaning" Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending People to Serve in the World

COMMISSIONING of the Heartland/Maya Quiché Partnership Travelers
Jane Knoche, Vicki Peck, Janice Spence,
Anne Stroud, & Rev. Ellen Marquardt

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC
"Sheep May Safely Graze" from the *Birthday Cantata* J.S. Bach
Linda Dover, organ

*HYMN 547 "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" AR HYDY NOS

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Psalm 19" Benedetto Marcello
The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
Linda Dover, organ

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