A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
The Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.
Bold type spoken by the congregation

GATHERING.

The Prelude
Prelude in A Flat Op. 39, No. 2
Alexandre Guilmant

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit
Today We Are Called to Be Disciples

The Call To Worship

We give thanks to God for our identity in Christ.
Now there is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female,
We are all one in Christ, who has called us to live in God's marvelous light!

The Prayer of Adoration
Eternal God, you reign over all the earth. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, your Son and Servant, who came bringing good news to the poor and freedom to the captive. You send us to be a light to the nations; so may your light shine through us as a sign of hope and joy to all the world. We magnify your name as we live by your Word. Glory to you, O God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Hymn 65
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

*The Prayer of Confession
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 and separated from those to whom Christ has joined us. Forgive us for our petty distinctions and our unnecessary divisions. Enlarge our hearts, our spirits, and our vision so that we may be one people, beloved and loving toward all. Call us beyond our own concerns so that we have the capacity to see the concerns and needs that need our urgent efforts. Wash us and make us whole, we pray. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon
Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen

*The Peace and Greeting
The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you!
(Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ. For those worshipping at home, please share Christ's peace with someone outside Your home this week.)
HEARING THE WORD OF GOD . . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

The Psalter Lesson: Psalm 29

The Anthem

The River

Greg Gilpin, arr

_Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God._

_Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground._

_O don't you want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace? O don't you want to go to that promised land, that land where all is peace?_ 

_Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?_


A Moment With the Children

*The Hymn 475

_Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing_

_Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing they grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love._

_Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let the grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God, I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above._

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

_Baptized...Now What?_ Kim Clayton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD. . .

*The Nicene Creed

_We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made._

_For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried._

_On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end._

_We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church._

_We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen._
CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise...

. . . who forever sing to the glory of Your Name,
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 . . .

. . . Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

Communion

The Prayer After Communion

GOING FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD’S NAME. . .

* The Hymn 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.
Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.
Your spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search, transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart: Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

*The Charge & Benediction

The Postlude

A Joyous Acclamation
Please be seated in personal reflection until the Postlude ends.

Today’s Worship Leaders:

Preacher: Kim Clayton
Liturgists: John Statler, Brittany Harvey
Choir Masters: Mary Ann and Larry Casey
Organist: Amy Shirk

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