



**Baptism of the Lord
Living Mosaics
January 13, 2019**

Gathering Song #475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Vs. 1 & 3

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

As Jesus stood in Jordan’s muddy waters,

we stand in the muddy waters of our lives.

As Jesus submitted to John’s baptism,

we submit our lives to God’s transforming touch.

As Jesus trusted God’s Spirit to fill him with wisdom,

we trust God’s Spirit to illumine our minds.

As Jesus emerged from the Jordan to give his life to God,

**we will leave worship with a renewed sense
of God’s presence in our lives.**

Song #482

“Baptized in Water”

Call to Confession

The image of God is at the core of our being,
but we often forget our true nature.

Let us confess the ways we have surrendered to shallow ways of living.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always make the best choices.

You have invited us into new life,

yet we have closed our eyes and ears to your invitation.

You have challenged us to step out of well-worn ruts,

yet we hesitate to venture onto a new path.

Renew our spirits and strengthen our resolve,

so that we will muster the courage to make overdue changes in our lives.

We pray in the name of Christ, who brings us hope for new life. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Response #492

"You Belong to Christ"

Passing the Peace

Scripture Lesson

Luke 3:15-22

TJ Roe, Lay Reader

Message

Greg Jones

Song #164

"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Reaffirmation of Our Baptism

Opening Sentences

Galatians 3:27-28

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

Reaffirming our Commitment to Christ

Do you accept Jesus Christ as your authority in life,
and the one who leads us to abundant life?

I do.

Will you strive to be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?

I will.

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Remembering our Baptism.

Whether you are remembering your own baptism or celebrating the baptismal promises offered to all of us, we invite you to come to the water, take a shell, and carry it with you as a reminder that you are a beloved child of God.

Song #479

“Ho, All Who Thirst”

Prayer

Holy God, we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

Song #547

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Vs. 1-2

Sending

Song #547

Verse 3

Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Please remember John Bowman, Joan Connolly and Kathleen Winter who were recently hospitalized.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emmett S. Jacobs from his wife, Ann, and family.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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