



**January 7, 2018 11:15 a.m.**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

*Gathering Song #479*      "Ho, All Who Thirst"

*Welcome and Living Our Faith*

## *Call to Worship*

In the beginning, when the Creator formed the heavens and the earth,

**God's Spirit swept over the face of the waters.**

At the beginning of Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing,

**God's Spirit rested upon him as he emerged from Jordan's waters.**

At the beginning of a new year, we gather 'round font and table.

**God's Spirit hovers over us, stirring us to new expressions of praise.**

## *Song #5*

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

## *Call to Confession*

### *Prayer of Confession*

**God of Grace – In baptism you claim us as your people and call us to follow you. But we do not always live out this calling. We stifle the gifts you have given us, rather than using them for your glory. We avoid opportunities to offer kindness, and speed past neighbors in need. We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in our world, and shy away from taking risks for the sake of the Gospel. Forgive us, God. Wash us again in the waters of baptism and transform us by your grace, that we may faithfully follow you. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life.**

## *Silence*

## *Assurance of God's Forgiveness*

## *Response # 480*

**Take me to the water.  
Take me to the water.  
Take me to the water  
to be baptized.**

**Glory hallelujah.  
Glory hallelujah.  
Glory hallelujah  
to be baptized.**

*Passing the Peace*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Scripture*

Mark 1:1-11

*Response*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Message*

“Beginnings”

Sudie Niesen Thompson

*Offering*

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

*Song #164*

“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”

*Communion of the People*

*Invitation*

*Song #501*

“Feed Us, Lord”

*The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Eternal God...

*The Lord’s Prayer*

*Words of Institution*

