



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

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Lord's Supper is open to all who trust in Christ.

When you approach communion servers, please take a piece of bread,
the symbol of Christ's love for you, and dip it in the cup, representing the new life in Christ.
For those who have wheat allergies, we provide gluten-free rice crackers with the communion bread.

Prayer Following Communion

Spirit of God -

We rejoice that you have washed us in the waters of baptism and filled us with the cup of new life.

May we – whom you have nurtured at font and table – pour out your grace, until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, and all creation tastes and sees your goodness. Amen.

Song #490

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

Verses 1 and 2

Sending

Song #490

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

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 in your prayers Leonardo Kristian Suarez and Mary Young. **Children are welcome in worship.** You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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