

WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP William Fenstermacher

The voice of God resounds over the waters.
The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.
The Son of God is named, "Beloved."
And all who worship shout, "Glory!"
Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.
Let us worship God in holy splendor.

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

William Fenstermacher

Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus for the healing of humanity and all creation. By water and word you lovingly invite us into the same life-giving mission. May your Spirit, moving like a stream of water flowing from its source, work in us this day to realize your vision of a world made new in Christ.
Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice | No. 163

Wild and lone the prophet's voice
echoes through the desert still,
calling us to make a choice,
bidding us to do God's will:

" Turn from sin and be baptized;
cleanse your heart and mind
and soul.

Quitting all the sins you prized,
yield your life to God's control.

" Bear the fruit repentance sows:
lives of justice, truth and love.
Trust no other claim than those;
set your heart on things above.

Soon the Lord will come in power,
burning clean the threshing floor:
then will flames the chaff devour;
wheat alone shall fill God's store."

With such preaching,
stark and bold,
John proclaimed salvation near,
and his timeless warnings hold
words of hope to all who hear.

So we dare to journey on,
led by faith through ways untrod,
till we come at last like John
to behold the Lamb of God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry. We want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us to one another, and bless us with your peace. Amen. *(A time for silent confession)*

POURING OF THE WATER

Because of the grace we receive in baptism, we have nothing to fear.

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice
TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1985
MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, God forgives us even before we ask it in order that we might serve the world. Therefore, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God | No. 585

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!
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Glory to God
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CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

*HYMN

It Is Well with My Soul | No. 840

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well;
it is well with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well;
it is well with my soul.

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul!
It is well with my soul; it is well;
it is well with my soul.
Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound
and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well;

It Is Well with My Soul
TEXT: Horatio G. Spafford, 1876, alt
MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876.
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SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 3:15-22

SERMON

“Wade in the Water” | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares in God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with [ancient] Israel by faithful obedience to God's call.

In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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CALL TO GIVE

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, at his baptism you claimed Jesus as your beloved Son. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful children, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own.”

“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story;

Go, My Children, with My Blessing | No. 547
here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.”

“Go, my children, fed and nourished,

closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,

joyful and free.”

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
MUSIC: Welsh melody
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*CHARGE & BENEDECTION

Remember you are a child of God:
And God loves God's children.

JAN 12 - 19

Event & Celebrations

SUN 12	TUE 14	WED 15
BAPTISM OF THE LORD Sunday Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM Book Club, 6:00PM	Session, 6:00PM BIRTHDAY Ashlee Cole
FRI 17	SAT 18	SUN 19
BIRTHDAY Bill Rose	Quilter's Workshop, 8:30AM	Sunday Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM B&G, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM

Prayers & Concerns

Bob Hedicke	Mildred Helm	Russell Wiggs
Pete McMillan	Mary Province	Billy Beard
Friends & Family of Barbara Frey		

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 Music Director — Brittney Williams
 Additional Accompaniment — Bill Rose

Liturgist — William Fenstermacher
 Accompanist/Pianist — Patricia Provencio
 Technology — Bob Jones & Jim Collins

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