

**Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 2023**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

! **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

Bonnie Mecaughey

Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Let us praise the Lord together.
**The sun shall no longer be our light by day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**
for the Lord will be our light,
and our God will be our glory.
**The Lord will be our everlasting light,
and our days of sorrow will end.**
Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!

! **Invocation**

Bonnie Mecaughey

Almighty Lord God,
you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world:
We praise and magnify your holy name that in him
you have revealed the wonder of your saving love to all people.
With those of old who brought their tribute to his feet,
confessing him as King of heaven and earth,
we now present the worship of our grateful hearts,
asking you to give us grace to give ourselves to you,
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

! **Hymn 8**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Bonnie Mecaughey

The light has come into the world,
and people loved darkness rather than light
because their deeds were evil.
Let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession *(Responsively)*

Bonnie Mecaughey

Eternal Light,
shine in our hearts;
Eternal Goodness,
deliver us from evil;
Eternal Power,
be our support;
Eternal Wisdom,
scatter the shadows of our ignorance;
Eternal Compassion,
have mercy on us,
that with heart and mind
and soul and strength
we may seek your face
and be brought by your infinite mercy
to the Holy Presence,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Bonnie Mecaughey

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

 **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.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Offering

Offertory

Above All

by Baloché / LeBlanc

 **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

Lord God of the nations,
we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendor.
The radiance of your incarnate Word
pierces the night that covers the earth
and signals the dawn of justice and peace.
May his brightness illumine our lives
and invite all nations to walk as one in your light
even now as your Word is read and proclaimed.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit
in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever. **Amen.**

 **Praise Song**

Lord, I Need You

Maher

Verse 1

*Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart*

Chorus

*Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You*

Verse 2

*Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me*

Chorus

Bridge

*So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay*

Chorus

*My one defense my righteousness,
Oh God how I need You*

*My one defense my righteousness,
Oh God how I need You*

Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

What a Catch!

Celia Weber

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God: ¹⁵ "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶ As he passed alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, Simon's brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Follow me," Jesus told them, "and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat putting their nets in order. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Sermon

"Calling of the First Disciples"
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **Hymn 375**

Jesus Calls Us

 **Profession of Faith**

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

Prayers of the People

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn

Abide with Me

*Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless abide with me*

Verse 2

*Thou on my head in early youth didst smile
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee
On to the close Lord abide with me*

Verse 3

*I need Thy presence every passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine abide with me*

Verse 4

*I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight tears lose their bitterness
Where is thy sting death where grave thy victory
I triumph still abide with me*

Verse 5

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death Lord abide with me*

Benediction & Blessing

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Bonnie Mecaughey, Dennis Leshner*

Postlude