

SUNDAY, JANUARY 07, 2024
BAPTISM OF JESUS SUNDAY &
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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PRELUDE

WELCOME/CALL TO THE GATHERED/ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND

HYMN: VU#644 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
3. When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
4. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
5. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
6. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
7. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

OPENING PRAYER: read by Barb Carswell

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

One: As we light this Christ candle may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

SUNG RESPONSE: VU#82 "A Light is Gleaming" Refrain and Verse 1

Refrain: A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night,
living in the light. Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is
burning bright, living in the light.

THEME CONVERSATION:

COMMUNION HYMN: VU# 480 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

1. Let us break bread together on our knees, let us break bread together on our knees,
Refrain: When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees, let us drink wine together on our knees,**Refrain:**
3. Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees,**Refrain:**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS VU# 932 (sung)

Holy, holy, holy are you,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth

**are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is the one
who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION MV#207 2x
**Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy one, may the bread and the wine continue always to remind us that you welcome all to the table. May they also remind us that you call us to live our faith in radical ways of hospitality, grace and compassion. Amen (*Discovery Kids continues upstairs*)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:4-11 read by Terry MacPherson

SERMON:

HYMN: MV#161 I Have Called You by Your Name

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine; I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go; read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go; feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
4. I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

RENEWING OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS:

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Long Before the Night"

SUNG RESPONSE: MV#182 followed by OFFERTORY PRAYER

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
Joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of love.
Grateful for the birth of Jesus, Thankful for Emmanuel,
Jesus born in Bethlehem and in our hearts as well.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER read by Barb Carswell

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: "AMEN" Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen.

