

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 13, 2019

11:00 A.M.

*Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE**

PRELUDE                      "The Peace May Be Exchanged"                      Dan Locklair

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

*Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE AS BLEST PEOPLE

*This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to worship God,

**All: Who creates us and loves us;**

One: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**All: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**

One: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

**All: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;**

One: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

**All: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.**

One: Oh, let us praise our God who counts us blessed.

**All: To God be honor, praise and our re-commitment!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Ye Servants of God"

No. 181

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Today we baptize Amelia Berry, daughter of Erica and Steve Berry.*

**The congregation responds:**

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and your family, Amelia, and we welcome you in Christian love. We too renew our baptism covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be known and served.**

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN

"Wash O God"

(sung processional)

***Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.***

***Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.***

***Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.***

***Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and hearts' delight.***

(sung recessional)

***O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!***

***To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!***

***We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!***

### **CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"New Year"

John Rutter

Turn your eyes to the light. Cast away the works of darkness, Let them go: Turn your eyes to the light. Turn your face to the sun; Feel the warmth, the hope of the new beginnings with each new year. The light was always there, If we could but see it; And once was in the air; If we'd known how to feel. Turn your eyes to the light, Turn your face to the sun; New Light, new hope, new year. Turn your ears to the sound; Somewhere near, a voice is calling. Hear the news, turn your ears to the sound. Turn your heart to the love; Christ is come to bring the world new life. The voice is always there, if the world will hear it; And love is always there, if you search in your heart. New life, and love, and light, and hope, this good new year.

HEARING OF THE GOSPEL

Luke 3: 7-22

(NT p. 60)

Key verse: *And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time—Part One:  
"Knee-Deep in God's Dream"*

RE-ARRIRMING OUR BAPTISM COVENANT

(see below)

### **GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

TOUCHING THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

*All are invited to come forward, as families and individuals, to touch the water and remember your baptism, as sign of God's loving claim on your life. Those not baptized are welcome to participate; feel free to speak to the pastors if you are interested in being baptized in the future. **If you brought your offering for God today, you may place it in the offering plates as you come forward.***

\*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

### **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

"John Was Preaching in the Desert"

(see below)

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

May the blessing of the three-in-one God be yours.  
May the Spirit bless you with hope poured out like water and flowing as the river.  
May Jesus bless you with discomfort at injustice and oppression.  
May the Creator who holds the Earth as an artist holds brush and palette  
fill your imagination so that you always find the world inspiring and wonderful.  
I charge you to listen this week for God's stubborn voice, above all other voices, saying to you,  
"You are my beloved, ...and so is everyone else. Go and spread my Love."

\*POSTLUDE

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

David German

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.  
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*  
\*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

## RE-AFFIRMING OUR BAPTISM COVENANT

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ:  
through the sacrament of baptism  
God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,  
water poured over and immersing us,  
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,  
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,  
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,  
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.  
Today we come to the waters,  
to renew our commitments  
in each other's presence  
to Christ who has raised us,  
the Spirit who has birthed us,  
and the Creator who is making all things new.  
And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**ALL: We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
Reject the evil powers of this world,  
And repent of our sin!**

One: Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**ALL: We accept the freedom and power God gives us  
To resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
In whatever forms they present themselves!**

One: Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**ALL: We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,  
put our whole trust in his grace,  
and promise to serve him as our Lord,**

**in union with the church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

One: Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**ALL: We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church  
And serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

John Was Preaching in the Desert  
(Sung to the tune: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

*John was preaching in the desert,  
calling people to repent.  
When they heard his word of judgment,  
many wondered what it meant.  
John said, "Someone who is greater  
comes with fire and Spirit, too.  
See! I baptize you with water;  
he will make your whole life new."*

*Jesus went down to the Jordan —  
to be baptized on that day.  
All at once, the heavens opened  
as he paused to humbly pray.  
Then a voice came down from heaven —  
with the Spirit, like a dove.  
At those waters, God affirmed him —  
God's beloved, sent to love.*

*On this day when we remember  
how our Savior was baptized,  
God, we pause and pray and wonder  
at the ways you change our lives.  
As your Son went through the waters,  
We rejoice! We're baptized, too.  
We are called your sons and daughters;  
may we go out serving you.*