

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10 January 2021

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Silent Reflection: “O Lord, make us serene like the hills, clear like the sky, pure like the clouds, upright like the trees, warm like the sunshine, refreshing like the rain, and bubbling like the stream. O Thou who makes all things well, and makes them beautiful, make us beautiful, too.”

- Bob Bensen, *Laughter in the Walls* (Nashville: G. Nelson, 1990), 41.

Words of Welcome - Welcome, dear friends. Because nothing can “separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:39), we have gathered to respond in worship and praise. Please fill out the attendance card in your bulletin and drop them in the offering plates at the end of the service. Thank you!

WE GATHER AROUND GOD’S WORD

Prelude: (10:00) *Liturgical Sketch #2* Emily Lepine (United States, b. 1983)

The Call to Worship: (Psalm 103)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for his people.

For he knows how we were made. He remembers that we are dust.

Let us worship God.

Prayer of Adoration

Opening Hymn: (sung by the cantor) When Jesus Came to Jordan *De Eersten Zijn De Laatste*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of hope and glory, through Christ hear our prayers and renew a right spirit within us. Hostility rages and battles continue. Warfare is not ended and lives are lost. We yield to suspicion. Our envy creates enemies. We confess that Christ came to create a new order, yet we continue to dwell complacently in the midst of strife. Have mercy upon us, O God, for we ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

GOD’S WORD IS SPOKEN TO US

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 52:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pew Bible p. 641

Sermon:

THE BUSINESS OF BUSYNESS

The Rev. Dr. Brian K. Jensen

GOD MOVES US TO RESPOND

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

Presbyterian Hymnal p. 35

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these joys to you,"

the congregation responds, "**Thanks be to God.**"

When the minister prays, "Lord, we lift these concerns to you,"

the congregation responds, "**Lord hear our prayer.**"

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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*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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

The Sacrament of Communion

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

Hymn of Commitment: (sung by cantor)

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

Charge and Benediction

Postlude: (10:00) *Finale*, from *Suite Modale*

Flor Peeters (Belgium, 1903-1986)

The Service is Ended, Go in Peace.

