

Worship Service

John Wesley United Methodist Church

January 10th, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

PRELUDE *“Be Thou My Vision”, “Guide Me; O Thou Great Yehova”; “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service, with Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN **“God of Love, We've Known Division”** Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
God of love, we've known division and we've seen its awful cost. We have struggled as a nation, and there's much that we have lost. We have been a house divided — and, divided, we can't stand. May our nation be united; give us peace throughout this land.

Turn us, Lord, from what divides us — fear that drives us far apart, greed that leads to great injustice, racist ways that break your heart. May we seek what brings together — hearts that bear each other's pain, care and mercy toward our neighbors, love that welcomes strangers in.

May we all, in conversation, speak the truth and listen well. May we hear, across this nation, stories others have to tell. May we learn from other cultures and be blessed by their worldview; May we serve with one another — loving others, loving you.

You have challenged us to goodness; you have shown a kinder way. It's your love that now inspires us as we seek a better day. May we end our harsh division; may we stop the hate and fear. Make us one, Lord, as a nation; may we be united here.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER
LORDS PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING **“My Faith It Is an Oaken Staff”** E. Broughton
**Organ will play, but we are sharing the lyrics for you to reflect on.*

My faith, it is an oaken staff, the traveler's well-loved aid; my faith, it is a weapon stout, the soldier's trusty blade, I'll travel on, and still be stirred, by silent thought or social word; by all my perils undeterred, a soldier pilgrim staid.

I have a Guide, and in His steps when travelers have trod, whether beneath was flinty rock or yielding grassy sod, they cared not, with force unspent, unmoved by pain, they onward went unstayed by pleasures, still they bent their zealous course to God.

My faith, it is an oaken staff, O let me on it lean! My faith, it is a trusty sword, may falsehood find it keen! Thy Spirit, Lord, to me impart, O make me what thou ever art, of patient and courageous heart, as all true saints have been.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:4-11

MEDITATION: ***“Remember Your Baptism”***

HYMN ***“Baptized in Water”*** TFWS 2248

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God’s praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King; born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God’s praises we sing.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION ***“The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve”*** (vs. 1,3,4) TFWS 2241

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus’ name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God’s favor to proclaim.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God’s Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus’ name.

POSTLUDE ***“Voluntary in C Major”*** Handel

Rev. Rebecca Mincieli, Pastor
Hannah Duclos, Director of Children & Youth Ministries
Linda Brouder, Director of Music Ministries
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Love God.....

Love others.....

Serve the world.

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