

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Bunessan (Baptized in Water)

Charles Callahan b. 1951

✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

For the well-being of all God's children, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Faithful Teacher,

As we become fully immersed into a new year, we ask your forgiveness for those things that we have done and have failed to do that bring harm to you, others, or ourselves. Cleanse us from our sin and transform us by your forgiveness. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus walked on this earth to bring forgiveness and new life to all. In Jesus' name, I proclaim to you ✠ the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Today you are made new by the abundant love of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

↑ GATHERING

On Jordan's Banks

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↑ GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

↑ KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A-men.

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, a-Imigh-ty God and Fa-ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther:

re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. Amen.

Gl-ory to God in the high-est, and peace to God's pe-ople on earth.

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Dear God,

your only son came to impart the Spirit's power and mercy to all. May our hearts

receive him and turn from the ways of selfish pride. We ask this in the name of

Jesus the anointed one, our savior and lord. Amen.

↓ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the Children's Message, parents of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to child-care and retrieve them for communion. (10:30 worship service only)

✠ **WORD** ✠

↓ PSALM

Psalm 2:7-8

⁷I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me,

“You are my son; today I have begotten you. ⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

***You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

↑ GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ SERMON

↓ HYMN

You Are Mine

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↑ APOSTLES’ CREED

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

Prayer Leader: God of repentance,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

✠ MEAL ✠

↑SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

*The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

↓OFFERING

Come to the Water

Choir Anthem

John B. Foley

arr. Jack Schrader

↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn

We Are An Offering

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We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives, they are yours,

we are an offering

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands

Lord use our lives they are yours,

we are an offering

All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be we give to you,

we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,

We lift our lives, they are yours,

we are an offering
We are an offering

↑ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Accept these gifts we bring, O God, and make us as trees who bear good fruit. Inspire us to give not only our riches and our possessions, but also to dedicate our time, abilities and lives to your service. For you love all that you have made and desire us all to live in peace and show one another mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

↑ PREFACE FOR THE DAY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

**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 and ever. Amen.

↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As you gather wheat into your granary, O Lord, so gather us now at your table of grace. Join us to you in this meal and feed us for the journey ahead. Come and receive the bread and cup of your salvation.

Thanks be to God!

↓ DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction). **Gluten-free wafers and a gluten free common cup are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD

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*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.*

↓ Distribution Music

Spirit of God #800

Christ When For Us You Were Baptized #304

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond
compare, the very life of Christ for us.

Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to
build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

↑HYMN

Wade in the Water

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↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ be your light.
Thanks be to God.

↓POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Wayne L. Wold b. 1954

*Many worshippers choose to stay in the sanctuary
to listen to the musical postlude (3-4 minutes).*