



ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 10, 2021 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PRELUDE

Carl Braden

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev Dr Gayle Grubbs

INTROIT

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” (vs 1)

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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ONE: Give God all glory and strength

ALL: We will ascribe to God the glory of God’s name. Let us worship God in holy array.

HYMN NO. 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (vs 1,3,4,5)

Congregation

CALL TO CONFESSION

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ONE: God’s promise to us is eternal. God wishes to bless us with hope, with joy, with life.

ALL: But our desires lead us to reject God and these blessings.

ONE: Let us confess how we often choose the path of sin, rather than the joy which will lead us to God’s heart.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: We come as Your baptized believers, O God, confessing our sins. You send forth Your Spirit, yet we do not respond to Your presence. You set us apart as water is poured over us, yet our behavior in faith does not match our unique status. Christ calls us to follow, yet we disobey His commandment. Evidence of your goodness surrounds us, yet we ignore Your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us, and in Your love uphold us. Above all, teach us the meaning of repentance.

Silently pray your personal prayers of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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ONE: Hear the good news! God said to Jesus “Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased.”
We have a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses, who was tempted as we are, yet is without sin.

ALL: By God’s mercy and grace, we are who we are: forgiven and restored people. Thanks be to God.

PEACE OF CHRIST

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ONE: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you!

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5 (NRSV)

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.
³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.
⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.
⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.
And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

ANTHEM

“Shall We Gather at the River”

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV)

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⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside
and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him,
and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins
⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist,
and he ate locusts and wild honey.
⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.
⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”
⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water,
he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.
¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased.”

SERMON	<i>“Begin With Baptism”</i>	The Reverend Dr Gayle Grubbs
OFFERTORY		Carl Braden
DOXOLOGY		Carl Braden
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		Rev Dr Gayle Grubbs
	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.	
HYMN NO. 394	<i>“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (vs 1&4)</i>	Congregation
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		Rev Dr Gayle Grubbs
CLOSING RESPONSE	<i>“The Trees of the Field”</i>	Congregation
	You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.	
POSTLUDE		Carl Braden