

Order of Worship

Baptism of Our Lord

9:30 am – January 15, 2023

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PRELUDE

Praeludium from Cathedral Suite

Gordon Young

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Lance Crane—organ

GREETING

HYMN

Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven

UMH 66

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1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

3. Father-like, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows;
mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.

4. Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Bob & Kathy Fierro, liturgists

L. In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light. God called the Light "Day" and the Darkness, God called "Night".

P. We were once people who dwelled in darkness, but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.

L. God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children, through the sacrament of Baptism.

P. The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation; it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.

L. This day is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' Baptism.

P. As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.

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HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan

UMH 252

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1. When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one. He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

2. He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss, for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.
3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; this very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CHORAL OFFERING

Sacred Waters

Joseph M. Martin

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Chancel Choir; Clara Johnson—Director; Chad Cullins—flute; Lance Crane—Accompanist

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3: 13-17 (NRSV)

Bob & Kathy Fierro, liturgists

John 1: 29-42 (NRSV)

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Matt McPhee

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

UMH 204

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Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel:
God with us, revealed in us! His name is called Emmanuel.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of glory and strength, we share this offering with you as a response to your powerful acts in our own lives. We share our financial resources with you because of the splendid ways that you have blessed us. Your majestic spirit fills our lives like the mighty waters fill the oceans. All glory is given to you, Lord God. In your powerful name, we pray. Amen.

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HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

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1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Lance Crane—organ

Prayer Requests

St. James UMC—Pastor Malyong Yi

Santa Clarita Korean Mission—Pastor Sang Hun Park

All those suffering from illness or loss of loved ones.



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