

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Northside Presbyterian Church – January 10, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC – *“Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed”* – Simple Gifts

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT – *“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”* – Simple Gifts

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it: “It is good.”

In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it: “It is good.”

In the beginning, God created life, and God blessed it: “It is good.”

Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating, calling us closer to all that is good.

HYMN – *“God of the Sparrow”* (22, v. 1-6)

**1 God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?**

**2 God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?**

**3 God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?**

**4 God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?**

**5 God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?**

**6 God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are— not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you.

(silence)

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 1:1-5 – Tina McMahan

OFFERING OF MUSIC – *“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”* – Simple Gifts

GOSPEL – Mark 1:4-11

SERMON – *“Remembering Your Baptism”*

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES (*please have a small bowl of water handy*)

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

In his baptism in the Jordan, all the waters of the world were made new, creation itself was cleansed, even as we have been cleansed of sin and joined to Christ as one body. Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN – *“Baptized in Water”* (482, v. 1-3)

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

**2 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.**

**3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.**

**The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.**

**The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.**

Please be in prayer for:

Revathi Balakrishnan

Susan Dickerson

Drew Taylor and family

Edd Stoops

Andy Robeson

Ron Pearson

Doug Rathjen

Kelly Wimmer

The Springer Family

Deborah Long

The McMahan/Hale family

Ann Stinson

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Katherine Helsing and family on the death of her son-in-law in North Carolina, and her younger sister, Dot, in Florida.

Please be in prayer for the Rev. Delia Leal, part of the CEDEPCA staff working in Coban, Guatemala. Delia has visited with our church in years past. Because of her work for human rights, she has been arrested on false charges and is in jail waiting for a hearing. Please pray for her quick release.

Today's musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen
Video Technician – Marshall Chaney