

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**  
**Sunday, January 10, 2021**  
**Celebrating the Baptism of Jesus**  
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**GATHERING IN THE LIGHT**

WELCOME *Affirming, Caring, Growing Spiritually, Reaching Out*  
...Michael Brooks

PRELUDE *A New Year Carol* B. Britten  
Carolyn Whiskin, soprano

CALL TO WORSHIP ...Candy Harvey

VOICES UNITED **399**, verses 1, 3, 4 *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us*  
**God, whose love is reigning o'er us,  
source of all, the ending true;  
hear the universal chorus raised in joyful praise to you:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, worship ancient, worship new.**

**Holy God of ancient glory,  
choosing man and woman, too;  
Abr'am's faith and Sarah's story formed a people bound to you.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, to your covenant keep us true.**

**Covenant, new again in Jesus,  
Star-child born to set us free;  
sent to heal us, sent to teach us how love's children we might be.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, risen Christ, our Saviour he!**

PEACE GREETING  
The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you!**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION OF THE CANDIDATE  
...Jean Redgrave, Chairperson, Church Board

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

BAPTISMAL VOWS

CHURCH FAMILY RESPONSE

Will you, with God's help, reach out to one another and our world as we grow spiritually in a caring, affirming, Christian community?  
**We will.**

Will you who form the community of love in which our shared values are lived out, keep these individuals in your hearts and prayers, and provide an example of affirming, caring, growing spiritually and reaching out to them, with God's help?  
**We will.**

Let us profess our faith together: **A New Creed** (unison)

**We are not alone,  
We live in God's world.  
We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

POURING OF WATER AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Let us pray.

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRESENTATION OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME

As God's people in this community,  
**we welcome you, we affirm who you are,  
and we seek to include you in the life  
and the ministry we all share.**



COMMUNITY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

**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, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### SEEKING TO GROW IN THE LIGHT

GOSPEL BIBLE READING      [Mark 1: 4-11](#)      *(click link to view text)*

SECOND BIBLE READING      [Genesis 1: 1-5](#)      *(click link to view text)*

SERMON                      HEALING LIGHT  
2.                      Order

### RESPONDING IN CARE

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY                      *As With Gladness Men of Old*                      B. Edstrom

### REACHING OUT WITH THE LIGHT

COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

VOICES UNITED **313**, verses 1-3      *God, Whose Almighty Word*

**God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight,  
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.**

**Jesus, who came to bring  
on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,  
health to the troubled mind, sight to the Spirit-blind,  
O now to humankind let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,  
lifegiving, holy dove, speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.**

POSTLUDE

*Flourish*

D. Wagner