

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, January 13th, 2019

Baptism of Jesus and Renewal of Baptismal Faith

GATHERING IN THE LIGHT

**indicates the community stands, as able

PRELUDE *Recit de Tierce en Taille* N. De Grigny

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! ...Nicolaas Van Gemert

Jesus comes among us, bringing peace and joy to every heart.

We lift our songs in praise to God, who gives to life its goodness.

God creates all joy, bringing light and life.

We witness the gift of God's Spirit at baptism.

The Holy Spirit descends, and calls us "beloved."

Joy to the world! Praise to Christ! Glory to God! Bless the Spirit!

Please rise to sing:

VOICES UNITED **399 *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us*

**PEACE GREETING ...Michael Brooks

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The Community exchanges words and signs of peace)

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM *Refer to Insert*

VOICES UNITED **710** *Shall We Gather at the River?*
(children and youth may proceed to programs)

COMMUNITY PRAYERS ...Martha Reynolds

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(A Paraphrase – unison)*

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

SEEKING TO GROW IN THE LIGHT

FIRST READING Isaiah 43: 1-7 (page 745, OT)

MORE VOICES **161 *I Have Called You by Your Name*

**GOSPEL BIBLE READING Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 (page 61, NT)

For the Word of God in Scripture, among us, and within us.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON 2. TURNING POINTS
Jesus' baptism

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING IN RENEWAL AND CARE

ANTHEM *Grow in Grace* M. Archer

INTRODUCTION TO RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH

Baptism proclaims and celebrates the grace of God.

By water and the Spirit,

we are called, claimed, and commissioned.

We are called God's own,

welcomed as children of God;

We are claimed by Christ,

united with Christ,

and united with one another and the Christian community.

We are commissioned for the work of Christ in the world.

Today, with joy and thanksgiving,

we celebrate the faith we all share,

**and rededicate ourselves to the life and work
of the body of Christ.**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH AND OFFERING

You are invited to come forward to the baptismal font using the centre aisle, remember that you are God's beloved, make your offering, and return to your seat using the side aisles; offering plates are also at the back of the worship space. Please join in singing the following chants:

MORE VOICES 220

Christ shines as the solitary star.

Faith is the inner light.

**You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.**

MORE VOICES 85

Take, O take me as I am;

summon out what I shall be;

set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

REACHING OUT WITH THE LIGHT

**VOICES UNITED 84 *O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word*

**COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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