

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON      JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> 2021  
**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



**WHY THE BAPTISMAL VOWS?**

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JONATHAN

On Baptism of the Lord Sunday, it is a tradition to “remember your baptism.” Of course, some were baptized as infants and have no memory of the sacrament. In that case, people say these same words when they later join the church.

Today we say the words spoken at baptism to remember the sacrament. We are not repeating the sacrament. We are recounting God’s promise to us in the sacrament, and the commitments we made that day.

If you have not been baptized, please feel free to say these words with us. As you do so, think about being baptized. It is a deep, deep blessing. I would love to discuss any of this with folks who have questions. You can contact me at the church office: 541.276.7681

**PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell**

**LITURGIST – Rod Nixon**

**VOCALS – Steve Muller**

**PIANO – Sue Nelson**

You are invited to participate with us.

**Bold words** are spoken together.

***Bold Italic words*** are sung together.

PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*

Arr by Paul Mickelson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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| <p>1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing;<br/>tune my heart to sing thy grace;<br/>streams of mercy, never ceasing,<br/>call for songs of loudest praise.<br/>Teach me some melodious sonnet,<br/>sung by flaming tongues above;<br/>praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,<br/>mount of God's unchanging love!</p> <p>2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;<br/>hither by thy help I'm come;<br/>and I hope, by thy good pleasure,<br/>safely to arrive at home.</p> | <p>Jesus sought me when a stranger,<br/>wandering from the fold of God;<br/>he, to rescue me from danger,<br/>interposed his precious blood.</p> <p>3. O to grace how great a debtor<br/>daily I'm constrained to be!<br/>Let that grace now, like a fetter,<br/>bind my wandering heart to thee.<br/>Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,<br/>prone to leave the God I love;<br/>here's my heart; O take and seal it;<br/>seal it for thy courts above.</p> |
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CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of God's name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the LORD give strength to the people!  
May the LORD bless the people with peace!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From Acts 19 and Mark 1

When our hearts are hard as stone, soften us with your grace.

**When our lives are riddled with sin and pain,  
heal us with your mercy.**

When our ears are ringing with self-doubt and cynicism,  
strengthen us with words of faith and love.

**When our minds are muddled with confusion and fear,  
enlighten us with the radiance of your wisdom.**

Speak to our spirits from the truth of your being,  
the reality of your love, and the promise of your forgiveness,  
that we may hear your voice clearly and  
follow where you call us to go.

(time for silent, personal confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the truth of God's voice breaking through the clouds of our lives:

"You are my children; the ones I dearly love.

I delight in your creation."

Join me in these words of forgiveness:

**By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## GLORIA PATRI #581

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Spirit is with us and brings us peace.

Let us share the Creator's grace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

## ANTHEM #480

*Take me to the Water*

## HEBREW LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

## SERMON

Before, During and After

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – BAPTISMAL VOWS

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.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you participate actively and faithfully in the worship, life, governance and mission of the church? **I Will.**

## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN AND THE 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 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 #291

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

1. You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing,  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” (Refrain)
2. You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.  
When they were confounded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (Refrain)
3. You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.  
And down in the city, you called once again  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)
4. You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.  
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. (Refrain)

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Take the Name of Jesus with You*

Arr Paul Mickelson