

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent” Gordon Young
Invocation

*Hymn: “God of Love, We Have Known Division” Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
(see download)

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Let Us Break Bread Together” Gordon Young

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: #164 “Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways” to the tune of #724

1. Down Galilee’s slow roadways
a stranger traveled on
from Nazareth to Jordan
to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters
like soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river
the sign was birth and grave.
2. Arising from the river
he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky so open
revealed the Spirit’s form.

The holy dove descended
amid a glorious voice:
“You are my beloved,
my child, my heart, my choice.”

3. We too have found a roadway;
it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel
in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water
again a voice is heard.
“You are my own, my chosen,
beloved of your Lord.”

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Sermon: **Rising from the Waters**

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ
Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #23 “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets” (see download)

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: “Praise Him! Praise Him!” Mary McDonald

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The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Ralph & Janice Homsher
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PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: **Douglas & Lois Snader**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to purchase flowers for the **Sanctuary** in honor of or in memory of someone or a special occasion, the following dates are available: **January 24** and **January 31**.

Leacock Presbyterian Church

*First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in
1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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