

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder

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VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Dan Rueff, Greg Russell, Donna Russell

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE (Psalm 29:1-4)

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his 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.

OPENING HYMN No. 22 (God of the Sparrow)

Verse 1: *God of the sparrow. God of the whale. God of the swirling blast. How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?*

Verse 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?*

Verse 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?*

Verse 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?*

Verse 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?*

Verse 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?*

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; for he lives and reigns with you in the unity of your presence. Move within our hearts once more as we seek your strength, your guidance, your words of life as your beloved children.

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE No. 471 (The Lord Is My Song)

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so, in Christ, God speaks to us: You are my child, my beloved; with you I am well pleased. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 591 (Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!)

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Acts 19:1-7)

ANTHEM ("God of Mercy, God of Grace" by Luigi Zaninelli; Aaron Lange, Tenor)

MESSAGE ("Baptism" by Rev. Jeff Binder)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Book of Order)

Baptism enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's redeeming grace offered to all people. Baptism is at once God's gift of grace, God's means of grace, and God's call to respond to that grace. Through Baptism, Jesus Christ calls us to repentance, faithfulness, and discipleship. Through Baptism, the Holy Spirit gives the Church its identity and commissions the Church for service in the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MOMENT FOR MISSION ("State of Valley's Giving 2020" by Andrea Murdoch)

OFFERTORY (Offerings can be mailed into the church office or made online by visiting our website:

www.valleycommunity.org)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 297 (In Christ Called to Baptize)

Verse 1: *In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.*

Verse 2: *In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care. Although we are many, we share in one bread. One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.*

Verse 3: *In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach the lifegiving gospel; God's love we will teach. By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.*

Verse 4: *Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (from The Book of Common Worship)

May God continue to pour out the Holy Spirit upon us.

May God empower us to love and serve, and live as God's faithful people, bearing witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Go now out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

