



Baptism of the Lord  
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*Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.*

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.  
The asterisk \* is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

### GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE	<i>Chorale Prelude: Brightest and Best</i> <i>Richard Syner</i>
WELCOME	<b>Mamie Broadhurst</b>
INTROIT	<i>When in Our Music God is Glorified</i> <i>Hope Publishing, 2017</i>  <i>When in our music God is glorified and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>
CALL TO WORSHIP ( <i>responsive</i> ) Lighting the Candle Word for Worship	<b>Pre-K-5th Graders</b>
HYMN No. 155 ( <i>sung 3 times</i> )	<b>Jubilate Deo</b>
CALL TO CONFESSION	<b>Edward Peterson</b>

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Holy God,**

**We've been so busy, with all the things it takes to live a life,  
and all the things of holiday celebrations and the cleanup after -  
not to mention all that worries us  
about friends, and family, and work, and school, and the world.  
We forget that you came in the middle of all the hubbub to be with us.  
We forget to look for you in places and with people we don't expect,  
and sometimes we forget to seek you in places and with people we do.  
Sometimes, God, we simply forget you.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Forgive us when we allow our worries to overtake our wonder, God.  
Remind us that the light of your Word can guide our way.  
When we cannot seem to find you,  
may your Spirit prod us to keep searching,  
just like Mary and Joseph.  
Amaze us today with your grace,  
and allow your love to show us  
what it means to be about your work in the world.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

Friends, as the year turns, find yourself in the truth of God's love,  
for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved,  
and free to follow the Spirit into abundant life.  
**God forgives, and remembers our sin no more.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Sung through one time*

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy.  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy.  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON  
Luke 2:39-52

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

\*HYMN No. 138

***Who Would Think That What Was Needed***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Christine Kooi

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING of GIFTS

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM

*I Will Bow  
Frederick Chatfield  
St. James Press, 2011*

*I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free,  
I will bow and be humble, yea, bow like the willow tree.  
I will bow, this is the token, I will wear the easy yoke,  
I will bow and be broken, yea, I'll fall upon the rock*

\*DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## RENEWAL and CELEBRATION of BAPTISMAL VOWS

### QUESTIONS for the CONGREGATION

Do you renounce all evil and powers in the world which defy God's righteousness and love? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from knowing the love of God? **I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Christ and accept him as Savior? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love, to your life's end? **I will, with God's help.**

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*responsive*)

**God of all ages,  
in the dulling light of Christmas  
and the birthing moments of new year,  
may we gather around your promises,  
dedicating ourselves and what we have to living  
and loving them.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 489 vv. 1,2,4

***Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed***

### WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

### CHARGE and BENEDECTION

God is...

**everywhere!**

### POSTLUDE

*Flourish on "Salzburg"*

*Arr. Douglas Wagner*

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for their work livestreaming the service this morning.*



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