

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Mary Mackie

*Wachet Auf, rust uns die Stimme ... J.S. Bach*

**Call to Worship** (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

Leader: The heavens opened, the Spirit descended,

**People: and a voice sounded: This is my Beloved Son.**

Leader: As we join in worship this day,

**People: may we be reminded that we, too, are God's beloved.**

\* ♪ Hymn of Praise · For the Beauty of the Earth

No. 473

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Leader: As we enter into this time of prayer,

**People: Let us put away the pressures of the world that ask us to perform, to take up masks, and to put on brave fronts.**

Leader: We are invited to silence the voices that ask us to be perfect. This is a community of compassion and welcoming.

**People: We bring all that we are and all that we yet can be, to this safe and holy space, awareness.**

Leader: The Spirit of Creativity is all around us.

**People: We are grateful for the possibility of being ever more aware, human and alive.**

Leader: Our world touches us in so many ways.

**People: May we consider all that is – both the beautiful, and that which we don't want to read of and think about.**

Leader: May the joys and the concerns of this present day

**People: move and jolt us to our greater selves and our greater thoughts. Amen.**

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## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*  **Gloria Patri**

No. 579

\* **Passing of The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Greetings and Announcements

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### Scripture Reading · Gigi MacLeod

Genesis 1:1-5 (pg. 1)

 **Anthem · Chancel Choir**

*O How I Love Jesus* ... Early American melody, arr. Don Wyrzten  
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist  
(CCLI #20405356)

#### Scripture Reading

Mark 1:4-11 (pg. 1551)


#### Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Rico

**"We Are God's Beloved"**

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- \*  Hymn of Response · Baptized in Water  
No. 492

### Reaffirmation of Baptisms

Hear these words from holy scripture:

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

### Profession of Faith

*Following an introduction, please respond as follows:*

Beloved people of God...

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.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His word and showing His love? **I will, with God's help.**

### The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

*With the whole church, let us confess our faith (see pg. 5)*

### Thanksgiving Over the Waters

#### Touching the Waters

*You are invited to come forward as indicated by our ushers to dip your hand in the water and take a glass pebble from the bowl as a way to remember your baptism.*

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**Acknowledgement and Blessing of Offerings**

**Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

\*  **Closing Hymn · Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

No. 280

\* **Benediction**

\*  **Congregational Response · Go Now in Peace**  
(Can be found inside the front cover of the hymnal)

 **Organ Postlude · Mary Mackie**

*Nun komm', Der Heiden Heiland ...* J.S. Bach

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## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.