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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

January 11 & 12, 2025

Baptism of Our Lord

5:30 pm & 9:00 am



Welcome to Worship

(9 am) PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INVOCATION**

We gather for worship in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

~ written by Caela Wood, Pastor at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Manhattan, Kansas.

***GATHERING SONG**

In Christ Called to Baptize

ELW 575 vs 1,2,4

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

***GREETING**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son.
Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called
children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

Our first reading is from Isaiah, the 43rd chapter, beginning with the first verse.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm
you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love
you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather
you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far
away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created
for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Our Gospel reading is from Luke, the 3rd chapter beginning with the 15th verse.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,
whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one
who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to
gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the
heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice
came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

(9 am) GIZZY TIME WITH MONA AND FRIENDS

SERMON

Building Relationships

Pastor Deb Grismer

SONG OF THE DAY

Holy Spirit

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**Holy Spirit living Breath of God Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity Holy Spirit breathe new life in me**

**Holy Spirit come abide within May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace Breath of God show Christ in all I do**

**Holy Spirit from creation's birth Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good, including firefighters, police officers and first responders. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery, including Betty, Greg, Sam, Greg, Pam, Mary, Cindi, Amanda, Tom, Debbie, Donna and those we name out loud or in the quiet of our hearts. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Be with the victims of fires and earthquakes. Uphold each person as your beloved.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve, including the family and friends of Andy. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

*We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
Amen.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.***

(9 am) OFFERING***(9 am) OFFERING RESPONSE**

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized ELW 304 vs 4
Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find, may perfect freedom find.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Prepare us now to feast on the bread of life. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence. Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord.

We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires.

Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence.

Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

The love and forgiveness of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, your sins are forgiven. This is the Good News of our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

~ posted on the *Worship Connection* page of the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/article/entry/4549/worship-connection-january-12-2014>

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW pg 107

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW pg 108

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

ELW pg 108

***LORDS 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God

ELW pg 112

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb Of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485 vs 1,2,5

"I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever."
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."
Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, who have come into the world.
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

For By Grace You Have Been Saved

ELW 598

For by grace you have been saved and even faith is not your own,
it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have done.
Don't let anybody boast, for this is God's great gift. Amen.

"So my grace is all sufficient for each child who is my own,
for my strength is now made perfect for each child who is my own.
When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is God's great gift." Amen.

So this weakness with contentment I'll accept now in myself,
all my hardships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep within myself.
When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is God's great gift. Amen. Amen.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

ELW pg 114

***SENDING SONG**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW 674

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

***BLESSING**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love your neighbor and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(9 am) POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Thank you to our worship servers for your ministry.

Sunday, January 12

Musicians: Marsha Mertes (Sat)/Justin Matters (Sun)

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