

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
January 16, 2022
Second Sunday After the Epiphany
COVID-19 Safety Recommendations



- *Wear a mask at all times while in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, or classrooms.*
- *Seat yourself while being aware to keep 6 feet of distance from the neighbors in your pew.*
- *While seating is now allowed in every row, please stagger your seats so that you are not sitting directly behind or directly in front of anyone in the pews around you.*
- *Remember that young children are not vaccinated.*

Preparation *"When Christ goes down into the Jordan, we also see him going down into our own pits of sadness, despair and unresolved pain. And when he ascends — when he emerges from the Jordan — we get an echo of what he does at Pascha (Easter), his light illuminating the furthest reaches of our suffering."* - Writer and educator, Allison Backous Troy

Prelude

Praise and Thanksgiving

Dale Wood

Based on Bunessan

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Greetings and Announcements of the Church

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

All: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.

One: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

All: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"

One: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

All: Let us worship God in holy splendor.

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Sentences of Scripture

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: 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.

All: 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.

Prayer of Confession

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Let us draw near to God with sincerity of heart and full assurance of faith, our guilty hearts washed clean, our bodies bathed with pure water. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ, but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

In baptism you call us to nurture the ways of peace. Instead we allow enmity and hatred to grow among us, putting neighbor against neighbor, and nation against nation. We abuse the earth you entrust to our care, and live in discord with all you made. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Remember the promises you made to us in our baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Beloved people of God, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin.

Thanksgiving for the Waters of Baptism

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Pastor Lisa Schrott and Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized.

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

One: Who is your Lord and Savior?

All: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

All: I will, with God's help.

One: Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith by sharing together in the Apostle's Creed.

All: 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.

* **Act of Praise #581**

Gloria Patri

* **Hymn #482**

Baptized in Water, vs. 1-3
[Bunessan]

Prayer of Illumination

Emily Conroy-Krutz, Liturgist

Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission, the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Emily Conroy-Krutz, Liturgist

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

By Water and Word: Our Call to Discipleship

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Special Music

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry
Maria Schoon, soloist

John Ylvisaker

Minute for Mission

Susan Cancro

Advent House

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Deep River

Adolphus Hailstork

* **Doxology #606**

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Emily Conroy-Krutz, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer "...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

* Hymn #724

O Jesus, I Have Promised, vs. 1-4

Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

David Johnson

Ushers: *Ron & Barbara Dorr, Morrie & Barbara Hoevel*

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

The liturgy for today's Reaffirmation of Baptism is adapted from the *Book of Common Worship, PC(USA)*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018. The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Illumination are from *Feasting on the Word. Worship Companion Year C*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.

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