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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, January 8th, 2023, 10:00 am

Baptism of the Lord

Music as We Gather

Gathering

*** Introit:** "A Light is Gleaming" VU #82 vs.1

Refrain:

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.**

When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. **R**

The lighting of the Christ Candle

*** Hymn:** "A Light is Gleaming" VU #82 vs. 4

So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze,
- warming all our days. **R**

Recognition of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Call to Worship:

Let us gather at the river!

We shall pray as one.

Let us gather at the river!

We shall rejoice as one.

Let us gather at the river!

We shall worship as one.

Let us gather at the river!

We are one, in the name of God.

*** Hymn:** “Shall We Gather at the River”

VU #710

Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,

and provide a robe and crown. **R**

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. **R**

Opening Prayer

Listening

Children's Time / Time for all Ages

The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn:** "I've Got Peace like a River" VU #577

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

Scripture:

Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant brings justice

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus is Baptized

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music: **TBA**

Message: **Wade into the Waters** *Pastor Katie Logan*

*** Hymn:** "I Have Called You by Your Name" MV #161

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are
true. You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can
claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of
doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children
whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Celebrating

Offering of Our Gifts

*** Offertory:** “We Give You but Your Own” VU #542

We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Gracious God, we lift up our gratitude to you with open hearts. Through your everlasting grace, you are with us, calling us deep into the waters of life and reminding us that we are yours forever. May you bless these gifts that we offer today as they are given. We pray all this in the name of your child, Christ Jesus, Amen.

Prayers of the People

*** Hymn:** “Called by Earth and Sky” MV #135

Refrain:

Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas
deep ocean's dream, waters of healing,
rivers of rain, the wash of love again. **R**

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
Wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,
Blow through this place, our gathering and our grace. **R**

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land. Seeds of our wakening,
rooted and strong, creation's faithful song. **R**

Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day. Fire of passion,
sorrows undone, our faith and justice one. **R**

*** Commissioning**

*** Benediction**

The God of forgiveness bless you,
the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.
Let us go now in peace, to love and to serve.
And the people said ... **AMEN!**

* Hymn:	"Amen"	VU #967
Amen, amen, amen.		

Postlude