

**8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**January 10, 2021**  
**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

*(Please follow the ushers' direction on seating. We will maintain at least 6 feet between individuals unless you come as a family who live together.)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" – J. Pachelbel

P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**CONFESSION:**

**C. Almighty God, I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. I have sinned by what I have done and what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved my neighbor as myself. Forgive me. Renew me. Lead me. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who suffered for us all and was raised from the dead, that first Easter. Amen.**

P. It is always my honor and privilege to announce that God has freely forgiven you and me. We stand here, trusting, by God's grace alone. We stand here as free men and women, boys and girls. May the wind of Pentecost move our hearts and our hands.

**C. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:** "Blessed Assurance"

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
 born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain*

This is my story, this is my song,  
 praising my Savior, all the day long:  
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 praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
 visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
 angels descending bring from above  
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
 watching and waiting, looking above,  
 filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

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**APOSTOLIC GREETING:**

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

C. And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**Dear God, help us to open our eyes and realize. You break walls. You build bridges. Open the eyes of our hearts, Lord. Open the eyes of our hearts. Amen.**

**BIBLE READINGS**

**SERMON: “An “Ah Ha!” Moment”**

**Pastor Larry Isbell**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “When Jesus Came to Jordan”**

1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
 2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
 for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
 this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
 So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
 to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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**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 dead.  
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 dead,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")*

**THE LORD'S 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.**

**BENEDICTION:**

**P.** Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: “Let All Things Now Living”**

- 1 Let all things now living  
 a song of thanksgiving  
 to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
 who fashioned and made us,  
 protected and stayed us,  
 who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 God's banners are o'er us,  
 God's light goes before us,  
 a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
 till shadows have vanished  
 and darkness is banished,  
 as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 God rules all the forces:  
 the stars in their courses  
 and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
 the hills and the mountains,  
 the rivers and fountains,  
 the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
 We too should be voicing  
 our love and rejoicing;  
 with glad adoration a song let us raise  
 till all things now living  
 unite in thanksgiving:  
 "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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**DISMISSAL:**

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!  
 C. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** “To Jordan Came the Christ, our Lord” – J. S. Bach

*(Please exit row by row, beginning with the back.  
 Talk to others from a distance in the parking lot.)*

**Today’s altar flowers are given by Steve and Christi Tam in honor of their  
 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.**