

## WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

### GATHERING MUSIC

*Publish Peace*

Clay Christiansen

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE

The Rev. Dr. James Butler

#### \* INTROIT (Hymn 10, v. 4)

*May God forever be our peace. May hymns of glory never cease. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Let all the faithful people come. Sing praise to God, the Three-in-One. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

#### \* OPENING RESPONSES (Ephesians 4:4-6)

Susan Crane

There is one body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling.

**There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.**

There is only one God—there is one Creator of everyone and all that is.

**God is above all and through all and in all.**

May God be praised and honored by all.

**Amen.**

#### \* HYMN 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

#### \* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beloved in Christ: God is with us.

**We are not alone!**

#### CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

#### UNISON CONFESSION

**God of grace, we are members of your household as baptized followers of Jesus.**

**When we fail to love and serve you above all else, forgive us, and help us to give you our ultimate allegiance. When we fail to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, forgive us, and set us free to practice justice and mercy. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 437)

*You are the Lord, giver of mercy. You are the Christ, giver of mercy.  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.*

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

Acts 19:1-7

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.139)

#### ANTHEM

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. Martin How

Fairest Lord Jesus. Lord of all creation. Jesus of God, and Mary the Child. Thee will I cherish. Thee will I honor. O thou my soul's delight and crown. Fair are the meadows. Fairer still the woodlands. Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring. Jesus is fairer. Jesus is purer. God makes the saddest heart to sing. Fair are the flowers. Fairer still humankind. In all the freshness of youth arrayed. Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting. My Jesus, thine will never fade.

#### \* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-21

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.60)

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 462, v.1)

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

#### SERMON

“Watery Grave or A Good Scrubbing?”

Dr. Butler

“Then Paul asked the Ephesians, ‘Into what, then, were you baptized?’”

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

#### \* HYMN 164

“Down Galilee's Slow Roadways”

WEST MAIN

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### OFFERTORY

*Agnus Dei* Josef Rheinberger  
from *Kleiner und leichter Messgesang*  
Nick Schneider, tenor

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\* HYMN 297 "In Christ Called to Baptize" ST. DENIO

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* DEPARTING MUSIC *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam* Johann Pachelbel  
*The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.*

#### Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

#### Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor  
The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates  
Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music  
Aliyah Kennedy, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry  
Sara Gresh, Secretary and Financial Secretary  
Kimberly Hook, Childcare Provider and Evening Receptionist  
Carolyn Fordosi, Housekeeper; Scott Schreiber, Maintenance Custodian  
Margaret Limkemann, Minister of Music Emerita



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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 12, 2025

10 a.m.

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