Sunday, January 10, 2021

Order of Worship

Prelude “Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine” by: Smith

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Hymn “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” vs. 1, 3
1. I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.
3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known, and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care; and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

*Call to Worship:
Leader: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.
People: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.
Leader: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children.
People: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.
Leader: Let us unite and raise our voices in praise to God for God's abundant love!

*Morning Prayer:
God who watches over us, offering us light and hope, be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Help us to remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us. Remind us again of the many ways in which you reach out to us. May the image of the waters be for us an image of hope. Bring us closer to you, loving God. Embrace us again with your love. We open our hearts to you this day. Amen.

Hymn of Praise “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” vs. 1, 4
1. This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.
4. Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

Children’s Message “New Beginnings” Millie Frambaugh
Children to remain seated in pews during message and for the service.

Prayer Concerns and Praises
Silent Prayer
Prayer
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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning; is now and ever shall be: World without end! Amen, Amen!

Prayer of Illumination
All: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Readings Nancy Vogel
Genesis 1:1-5
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11  

Sermon  “Tear Open the Heavens”  Pastor Jane Piehl  

Moment of Reflection  

Offering  Please place in offering plate at door  

“Closing Hymn  “Shall We Gather at the River”  Vs. 1, 3, 4  
1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever 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.  
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. 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.  
4. Soon we’ll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. 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.  

Benediction  
“God Be with You”  
God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.  

Postlude  “O Zion, Haste” by: Walch  

Upcoming activities:  

1/9  8a  Men’s Study Group via zoom  
10a  Book Club  
10a  Christmas Décor Clean up  
1/12  7p  Moses Study  
1/13  7p  Leadership Team meeting  
1/17  Tobogganing at Strongsville Chutes  
1/31  Sub Sale order deadline  
2/7  Sub Sale pick up/ delivery day  
Valentine Care Package item deadline
Poinsettias

Given By:

Bill & Nancy Baldwin in Honor of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

Pat Bernhard in Memory of Phil Bernhard

Barb Moore in Memory of Dave Downs, George & Barb Miller

Bob & Elaine Mravetz in Memory of Joe & Jennie Mravetz, Pearl & Clarence Singleton.

Dave & Pastor Jane Piehl