

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

January 10, 2021

PRELUDE

“In Dulci Jubilo”

Zachau

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;

then God said: Let there be light,

and God saw that it was good.

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.

The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;

God said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In baptism God names us beloved children. Thanks be to God!

HYMN “Brightest and Best of the Stars of Morning” No. 67
Verses 1,2 &4

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining,
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all!

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart’s adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

CALL TO CONFESSION

A prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent, be baptized, and prepare the way of the Lord. We return to the water to confess our sin, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the one who has come to save us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are. Too often, we believe we are not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. Lift up our heads to see your glad welcome, to understand your love; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

The earth belongs to God, our creator; every good thing is a gift from the Lord. Let us glorify God through the gifts of our lives.

You may mail your offering to the church office, or you may give online through our website, cazpres.org.

DOXOLOGY

No. 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us. Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

HYMN “With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing” No. 497
Verses 1, 3 & 4

1 With grateful hearts our faith professing,
We ask You, Lord, come to our aid,
That we, our common faith confessing,
May keep the vows that we have made.

3 Give to the parents love and patience,
Each home with Christian graces fill.
Protect our children in temptations,
And keep them safe in childhood's ill.

4 Accept, O Lord, our dedication
To fill with love the growing mind,
That in this church and congregation
The young a faith for life may find..

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God. Tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as beloved children so that we may hear and believe the good news of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 1:1-5

1 In the beginning when God created[Ⓜ] the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God[Ⓜ] swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

4 John the baptizer appeared[Ⓜ] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. **8** I have baptized you with[Ⓜ] water; but he will baptize you with[Ⓜ] the Holy Spirit.”

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. **11** And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;[Ⓜ] with you I am well pleased.”

SERMON

“Dying and Rising”

HYMN

“Baptized in Water”

No. 492

1 Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation,
Trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2 Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising,
Freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3 Baptized in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father,
We are his children,
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

“Fantasia”

Pachelbel