

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

January 9, 2022

PRELUDE "Bunessan" Arr. Moore

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

People of God, we have passed through the waters of baptism!

We have died with Christ and raised to new life!

In Christ there is a new creation.

The past is gone. All things have been made new!

We don't yet know what we will be.

But when Christ appears we will be like him.

In gratitude for the amazing gift of new life, let us worship God!

* HYMN "Baptized in Water" No. 492

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's love that seeks us out and never ends, let us confess all that separates us from God and from one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of creation, of new beginnings, of resurrection, you've made us for fellowship with you and one another. Yet far too often we fail to believe, to respond. We stay in our own shells. We fear those who are different. We're afraid. We turn away from your new creation. Forgive us. Open our hearts to joy, to forgiveness, to new community, and to the endless newness of the life you offer. Open our eyes, our hands, our lives, to join the dance of resurrection. Through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, we all belong! We are made new and set free. There is a new creation. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.** May God's peace be with you. **And also with you.**

* GLORIA PATRI No. 579

* HYMN "Come, Risen Lord" No. 503

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your word and spirit, that in your light we may truly see, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Kings 5:1-13 Pew Bible p. 320 OT

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.^[a] **2** Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. **3** She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."^[a] **4** So Naaman^[a] went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. **5** And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. **6** He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."^[a] **7** When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy?^[a] Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that

he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.”⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house.¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.”¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!¹² Are not Abana[Ⓜ] and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage.¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”

NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 3:13-17

Pew Bible p.3 *NT*

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved,[Ⓜ] with whom I am well pleased.”

SERMON

“Remember Your Baptism” Rev. Anna Gheen

EPISTLE: Romans 8:22-39

Pew Bible p. 148 *NT*

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.²⁴ For in[Ⓜ] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes[Ⓜ] for what is seen?²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes[Ⓜ] with sighs too deep for words.²⁷ And God,[Ⓜ] who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit[Ⓜ] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.[Ⓜ]

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good[Ⓜ] for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.[Ⓜ]³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?³³ Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies.³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.[Ⓜ]³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will

hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from Ephesians 2:13-22*

In Jesus we who were far off have been brought near.
He is our peace, and has broken down all walls between us.
He has created a new humanity, reconciling us to God and one another.
He proclaimed peace to everyone, whether close to God or far away.
Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father.
So then we are no longer strangers and aliens,
but members of the household of God,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
In him we are joined together
and grow into a holy temple, a dwelling place for God.

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

My friends, consider that we have died and been raised to new life in Christ. In God's bounty we have all that we need. I invite you to join in the generosity of God and find the joy of giving.

The Offering plate is in the Narthex. You may also choose to mail your offering to the church office, or give online through our website, cazpres.org.

* **DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

All things come from you, O Lord, and from what is yours we give. May all that we have and all that we are be part of your new creation. Use our gifts and use us for the healing of the world. Through Jesus we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

May the Lord be with you / **and also with you**

Lift up your hearts / **we lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks and praise / **it is right to give our thanks and praise**

concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

* **HYMN**

“How Firm a Foundation”

No. 361

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Hymn to Joy”

Arr. Hopson

TOWN HALL

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IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

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