



An inclusive and welcoming Christian community where expressing the love of God to all people is central to our worship, study, and service.  
“Love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

## Baptism of the Lord

11 a.m., January 10, 2020

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### Prelude

*Just As I Am*

Larry Shackley

Arranged for Piano and Keyboard by Russell Gross

### Words of Welcome

Leah Davis

### Call to Worship by Cacia Wood

Leah Davis

The heavens open. The Spirit descends. Jesus emerges from the water.  
And a voice echoes through the blue expanse. "This is my child, the Beloved,  
with whom I am well-pleased." Jesus is named. Claimed.  
We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.  
Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

**Let us worship the one who names and claims us as Beloved!**

### Morning Prayer

Mark Penn

### Hymn No. 485

*Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race†*

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Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.  
God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing, love are found.

God let us be a bridge of care connecting people ev'rywhere.  
Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for pow'r that separate.

When chasms widen, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise.  
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer wrong.

God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread,  
where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.

### Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures Genesis 1:1–5

Mark Penn

First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

God spoke: "Light!" And light appeared. God saw that light was good and separated light from dark. God named the light Day, he named the dark Night. It was evening, it was morning— Day One.

### Quiet Time

### Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Leah Davis

*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. Amen.*

## Special Music

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me*  
Arranged for Piano and Keyboard by Russell Gross

Larry Shackley

## Lesson from the Gospels

Mark 1:4–11

Leah Davis

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Beloved*

Leah Davis

## Communion

We will celebrate communion together, remembering we are connected even though we are apart. Bring your own elements to worship and remember that you are Beloved.

Leah Davis

## Musical Meditation

*Grateful*  
Arranged for Piano and Clarinets by Russell Gross

David Tolk

## Invitation to Give

Mark Penn

## Hymn No. 494

*They'll Know We Are Christians †*

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

**[Refrain]** And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

**[Refrain]**

We will work with each other we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:

**[Refrain]**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

**[Refrain]**

**Benediction**

Leah Davis

**Postlude**

*The Love of God*

arr. Marty Parks

Arranged for Piano and Keyboard by Russell Gross

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