

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 8, 2006

The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

In the beginning is the Voice,  
and the Voice of God thunders over the waters.  
**The Voice of God sounds over the deep, saying,**  
“Come to the Jordan, wade into the stream,  
for the Lord grants strength to those who are weary.  
**For the Lord God blesses the peoples with peace!”**  
O children of earth, step off the bank and into the waters.  
**And the clouds shall be rent by the light of heaven.**  
There shall be evening, and there shall be morning:  
**And we shall worship the One Who declares this day good!**

The Prayer of Praise

\*The Hymn 464

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we acknowledge that we have not always remembered our baptism. We have forgotten that we are marked as Your own. We have not acted as members of the body of Christ. We have gazed contentedly on the status quo and ignored the Voice that calls us to repent. We often act as if we need not be forgiven for anything. Forgive us our arrogance, O God. In Your mercy wash us of our sins. . .(time for silent confession). . .**

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
**The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**  
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

\*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**  
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.  
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Genesis 1:1-5* p. 1 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 29* p. 621 in the pew Bible

The Anthem "At the River" Aaron Copland

The *New Testament* Lesson: *Acts 19:1-7* p. 169 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 268 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

The *Gospel* Lesson: *Mark 1:4-11* p. 42 in the pew Bible

The Sermon "Daily Glory"  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

\**The Nicene Creed* p. 15 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication

The Service of Offering

The Offertory

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT. . .

\*The Hymn of Preparation 70 "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

The Invitation

The Call to Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . .Who forever sing to the joy of Your name:  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,**  
**Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the Highest.**  
. . .Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(You are invited to partake of the elements as you receive them with reverent meditation.)

The Prayer After Communion

**God of grace, Whose love is our light, we thank You that the world is in Your care and we are the creatures of Your hand. Let our praise resound the glory of Your saving power revealed in Jesus Christ confirmed at this table. We rejoice that You have made us partners in serving Christ through**

**our baptism into Christ's body. Grant us peace that only Your Holy Spirit can give. Guide us in Your service, on account of Jesus Christ, Your Beloved One and our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

\*The Hymn 300

*"Down to Earth, as a Dove"*

\*The Charge & Benediction

\*The Postlude