



Presbyterian
Community Church
of the Rockies

January 10, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord Sunday
10:00 am Virtual Worship

Welcome, Announcements – Patti Dolezal

Prelude “Dearest Jesus, We Are Here” June Gamet

Call to Worship The Rev. Bruce Brackman

Leader: Today, the words of God come to us, in love,

People: inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.

Leader: Today, the word of God comes to us, in faith,

**People: inviting us to trust in the One who knows us,
to place our hope in the One who saves us.**

Leader: Today, the Word of God comes to us, in hope,

People: inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.

Morning Prayer (*unison*)

God of love, take hold of us in this act of worship, and do not let us go until we have been blessed by a vision of love, infinitely generous, gentle and forgiving; simple, wholesome, mysterious, profound; in which all are accepted, and no one rejected; love that never ends. Living God, Love itself, live in our hearts now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show”

Praise the Lord, God’s glories show, Alleluia! Saints within God’s court below, Alleluia! Angels round the throne above, Alleluia! All that see and share God’s love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven and heaven to earth, Alleluia! Tell the wonders, sing God’s worth, Alleluia! Age to age and shore to shore, Alleluia! Praise God, praise for evermore! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord, great mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise this providence and grace, Alleluia! All that God for us has done, Alleluia! All God sends us through the Son. Alleluia!

Call to Confession The Rev. Chris Davis

You and I are now the ones who step forth out of the safe waters of baptism, to bring hope, to share a word of grace, to carry healing into the brokenness of the lives around us. Let us confess how we still struggle to follow in faith wherever Jesus leads us. Please join me in the Prayer of Confession. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Choral Response “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.

Prayer for Illumination

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures *Genesis 1:1-5*

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark *Mark 1:4-11*

Sermon The Rev. Chris Davis

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) *The Apostles Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn “Baptized in Water”

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

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 praises we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King; born of the Spirit, we are God’s children, joyfully now God’s praises we sing.

Prayers of the People and A Time of Transition

Hymn of Sending “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Benediction

Postlude “Sing with Joy, Glad Voices Lift” H. Schroeder