



# Old Presbyterian Meeting House

## SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

### PRELUDE

Chorale-Prelude on “Lobt Gott, ihr Christen alle gleich”

Paul Manz  
1919–2009

### WELCOME

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us worship God!

Rev. Ann Herlin

## PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Hazzard Family

In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it:

**“It is good.”**

In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it:

**“It is good.”**

In the beginning, God created life, and blessed it:

**“It is good.”**

Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating,  
**calling us closer to all that is good.**

Let us worship the God of all creation!

## **HYMN 11**

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

ABERYSTWYTH

**1. Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,  
Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,  
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might,  
Life whose life all life endowed:**

### ***Refrain***

**May the church at prayer recall  
that no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all  
is the God whom we proclaim.**

**2. Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine,  
Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,  
Well and Water, Bread and Wine,  
Way who leads us to the I AM:  
*Refrain***

**3. Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove,  
Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,  
Comfort, Counselor, Presence, Love,  
Energies that never tire:  
*Refrain***

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Katherine A. Stanford

**God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering. Forgive us, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation. Hear now the prayers we bring to you in silence ...**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

## **GOD'S WORD TO US**

## **ANTHEM**

Down to the river to pray  
Performed by the Meeting House Virtual Choir  
Suzanne Karpov Seigart, soprano solo  
Elise Jenkins, alto solo  
James Huchla, tenor solo  
Mike Rowan, bass solo

Spiritual, arr. Alison Krauss  
b. 1971

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Mark 1:4–11

Mrs. Noelle Castin

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

The Browne/Cahir Family

## **SERMON**

Marked for Life

Dr. Robert R. Laha

# OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Mrs. Mary Pratt Perry

Adapted from the *Book of Common Worship*

**In baptism, we become part of God's royal priesthood, God's own people, in order that we might proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.**

**In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.**

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Ann Herlin

## PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Katherine A. Stanford

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## HYMN 164

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

WEST MAIN

**1. Down Galilee's slow roadways  
a stranger traveled on  
from Nazareth to Jordan  
to be baptized by John.  
He went down to the waters  
like soldier, scribe and slave,  
but there within the river  
was sign of birth and grave.**

**2. Arising from the river,  
he saw the heavens torn;  
It seemed the sky, so open,  
revealed the Spirit's form.  
The holy dove descended  
amid a glorious voice:  
"You are my own beloved,  
my Child, my heart, my choice."**

**3. We too have found a roadway;  
it led us to this place.  
We all have had to travel  
in search of hope and grace.  
But now beside this water  
again a voice is heard:  
"You are my own, my chosen,  
beloved of your Lord."**

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Robert R. Laha

## CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

Wendy Matney

## POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Wade in the Water"

Steven Seigart

b. 1990

An online version of this bulletin and full worship service recording is available at [opmh.org/baptismofthelord](http://opmh.org/baptismofthelord).

Read Dr. Seigart's detailed notes on the music at [opmh.org/sundaymusic](http://opmh.org/sundaymusic).  
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