
GATHERING

PRELUDE**WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Andrew Frazier

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

All: Jesus emerges from the water.

One: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

All: "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

One: Jesus is named. Claimed.

All: We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

One: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

All: Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.*** HYMN 485***We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ENGELBERG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION**We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord.****We have entered the season**

**in which Your Light has been given to the world,
 your blessings have been poured out on the world,
 and yet all we can think about is our own problems,
 our own needs, our own desires.**

Help us to desire you, Lord.**Help us to yearn for your presence.****Pour your baptismal waters over us again,****cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance.****Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you.****Wash away our jealousy, greed,**

**and all negative thoughts and behaviors
 that stand in the way of our truly being
 the people you have called us to be.**

Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation,**in the birth and baptism of Jesus,****and in the ministry of the saints of light.****We ask this in Jesus' Name. . .****SILENT CONFESSION****ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS***** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*You are invited to greet one another with a sign of the peace God intends for us—saying "The peace of Christ be with you,"
 and responding, "And also with you."*

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE****Alleluia! Alleluia!****Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please sing twice. This is Hymn 587, Alleluia! (CELTIC ALLELUIA).

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Margie Perrett

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1–9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Matthew 3:13–17

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Rogers

RESPONDING

* HYMN 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTER BETSY MCCALLISTER

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Card

SENDING

* HYMN

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

* POSTLUDE

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type. Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.