

BAPTISM OF THE LORD
11:00 A.M.

Rev. Glenn Zuber
Music Director – Gregory Fraser

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: “Bouree Bach” (French Suite 5)
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Please **clearly** sign the friendship/attendance pad. Thank you.
INTROIT: “Source and Sovereign”

Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**) (Please stand)

(L) O God, some of us are discouraged and long for your embrace.

(P) Wash us with your love.

(L) Some of us are weary, weighted down by the desperation of this world.

(P) Wash us with your hope.

(L) Some of us are anxious and seek refuge from chaotic lives.

(P) Wash us with your peace.

(L) Some of us are restless, yearning for renewal or transformation.

(P) Wash us with your grace.

(L) However we come into your presence, pour out your Spirit upon us.

(P) Let us come to the waters of baptism. Let us worship God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (If children are present)

HYMN: #262 (Please stand) “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” (Please be seated)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Glenn Zuber

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of grace, You claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you, but we do not always live out this calling. We stifle the gifts you have given us rather than using them for your glory. We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness rather than showing love to our neighbors. We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in our world and shy away from taking risks for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us again in the waters of baptism and transform us by your grace, so that our words may further righteousness and our deeds be pleasing in your sight. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life. Amen. SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Glenn Zuber

SONG OF PRAISE: HYMN #461, verse 1, “God is Here!”

CONCERNS and JOYS

Rev. Glenn Zuber

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: (Please stand and greet your neighbors)

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** (Please be seated)

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Glenn Zuber

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 42:1-9 (Pew Bible page 670)

The Lord says: Here is my servant, my chosen, in whom I delight.

ANTHEM: “Baptized in Water”

Choir

NEW TESTAMENT: Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible page 3)

Jesus is baptized; the Spirit descends; a voice says: This is my Son.

SERMON:

Rev. Glenn Zuber

HYMN: see Insert (Please stand) “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - “Adapted from the Confession of 1967”

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love. Amen.

(You may be seated)

THE RESPONDING

OFFERTORY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Glenn Zuber

SONG OF DEDICATION: (Please stand) “Doxology”

“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. (Please remain standing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Glenn Zuber

THE SENDING

HYMN: #525 “Here I Am, Lord”

CHARGE and BLESSING

Rev. Glenn Zuber

CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE: “Gigue Bach” (French Suite 5)