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*Our Mission...*

*to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.*

*We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.*

## The Baptism of the Lord January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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*\*The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able, and the double asterisk \*\* indicates when to be seated;  
**Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

### **WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY**

#### **WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND**

*We acknowledge that we meet in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.*

#### **THE LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE**

*In Christian teaching and tradition, each Sunday is believed to be a little Easter, a weekly celebration of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we light this candle, affirming that Christ is indeed the light of the world, our hope and our salvation. There is no other in whom we place our trust.*

#### **CALL to WORSHIP**

*The voice of God resounds upon the water.*

**The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

*The Son of God is named, "Beloved."*

**And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

*Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.*

**Let us worship God in holy splendour.**

#### **PRELUDE** – "Frankincense, Myrrh, & Gold" (*by Pepper Choplin*)

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*~Joanne Diplock*

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Holy God, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan  
the heavens opened, the Spirit descended,  
and your voice affirmed your love in Jesus  
for the healing of the human race and all creation.  
By water and word you lovingly invite us**

**into this same life-giving mission.  
May your Spirit,  
moving like a stream of water flowing from its source,  
work in us this day to realize your vision  
of a world made new in Christ,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Reader: *Dennis Deley*

Hebrew Scripture: **Isaiah 43: 1-7**

*But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'*

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 29**

*Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

*The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.*

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

*The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

*The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.*

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

*The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;*

**and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'**

*The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.*

**May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!.**

Response:        *This is the Word of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel:        **Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22**

*As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'*

Response:        *The Gospel of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:        *~Rev. Don Johnson (see attached sermon)*

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**INTERLUDE** – “Contemplation on Hanson Place” (*arr. By Greg Sewell*)  
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~Joanne Diplock

### **PRAYERS**

*...Mothering Spirit,*  
**stir us with your power.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

*The grace of Christ attend you,  
the love of God surround you,  
the Holy Spirit keep you, now and forevermore. Amen.*

**POSTLUDE** – “Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth” (*Kohan/Grossman*)  
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~Joanne Diplock