

# Sow Good News

"Faith comes by listening." (Romans 10:17)



**INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN**  
THE OLD STONE CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*Installation of Elders and Deacons ~ January 14, 2024*



C.J. Briggs, Music Director  
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*Then God smiled, and the light broke, and the darkness rolled up on one side  
and the light stood shining on the other, and God Said, "That's good!"*  
~ from "The Creation" by James Weldon Johnson

~ **GATHERING** ~

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**PRELUDE**

LA COLOMBE

Oliver Messiaen

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*from Romans 10:17*)

We listen, we listen for the word of the Lord.

**For faith comes by listening.**

**\*GATHERING**

LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING

GTG #456

Kenyan (NENO LAKE MUNGU)

*Refrain x2*

**\*LITANY FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep,  
and God said: Let there be light.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you.

I have called you by name; you are mine.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

When Jesus was baptized by John,  
suddenly the heavens were opened.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

And as Jesus was coming out of the water,  
the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

And a voice said: You are my beloved Child;  
with you I am well pleased.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Come, let us worship God.

**\*HYMN**

CRASHING WATERS AT CREATION

GTG #476

by Sylvia G. Dunstan

CRASHING WATERS

## CHILDREN OF GOD

### POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

**All:** May God be with you there. **Kids:** May God be with you here.

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the waters of baptism, O God, you have cleansed us and claimed us. Forgive us for refusing your grace and rejecting your name. We have followed our own paths and they have led us far from you. Help us to live into our baptisms, to trust that all we need is in you, for you have marked us as your own living us without limit. Wash us with your love again, that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus. Amen.

*[Silent Confession]*

#### \*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #576

by Swee Hong Lim

SINGAPURA

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Isaiah 52:7)*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

### ~ *LISTENING TO THE WORD* ~

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

##### FIRST READING

THE CREATION

GENESIS 1:1-5

Poem by James Weldon Johnson

##### GOSPEL LESSON

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MARK 1:1-11

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

**For faith comes by listening.**

##### WORD

ROLL, JORDAN, ROLL

*12 Years a Slave*

by Topsy Chapman

##### SERMON

IN THE JORDAN



# ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

**THANK YOU!**

WENDY LAVEY, ELDER  
RYAN MCGOVERN, ELDER  
PAT CLARK, DEACON

**2024 ELDERS:**

LAURA BUTLER (*2<sup>nd</sup> Term*)  
JANET DULAR\*  
GAIL GRONWALL

**2024 DEACONS:**

DEAN JERMANN (*2<sup>nd</sup> Term*)  
BETTY LINGLER\*  
CONNIE SMITH (*2<sup>nd</sup> Term*)

## **SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**