



Baptism of Our Lord

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship (*adapted from Psalm 104*)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty wrapped in light as with a garment.

People: The Lord has stretched out the heavens like a tent. The Lord has made the clouds a chariot. The Lord rides on the wings of the wind.

Leader: Our Lord makes springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal.

People: By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. The Lord waters creation and the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God all the days of my life. Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

God who shapes all things, like creation on that first morning, may we tingle with anticipation of your goodness, may your wonder flow into our lives, may we join all creation in worshiping you, emulating, dancing as we offer our prayer to you, who is as close as a heartbeat. Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, we lift up our prayers to you this day. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

God of grace and glory, you work all things together for your good purpose, whatever the situation. We confess that we like a timeline, a blueprint, a schedule, a plan...and we will wait until everything is in place, perfectly aligned, before we take the first steps. We admit that we sometimes use planning and preparation, committees and studies, as a way to put off taking the risk of following you. Forgive us when we distance ourselves from your messengers and let opportunities pass us by because we don't feel ready.

Forgive us, fill us to overflowing once again with your abundant life, and empower us to work on your task, even if we cannot see the moment of the miracle ourselves.

(silent meditation)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Beloved, God forgives our sins; know that we are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

People: Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

Sharing Christ's Peace

Leader: A sincere heart and a contrite spirit are signs of a person who seeks community with strangers and friends alike. In this way we greet each other. The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Let us share that Peace with one another.

Scripture Reading Sermon

**John 2: 1-11
Rev. Aaron D. Frank**

Offering of Our Gifts

For those of you who are able, we would ask that you to contribute to the ministry of the church by using the online giving portal the church's website, or by sending a check to the church office. Those attending in-person can place your gifts in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary. Your support continues the work of our congregation as we seek to serve the needs of our community, sharing God's love far and wide.

Prayer of Dedication

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

TO FEAST AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our God who calls us to a life of abundance, abides with us throughout our days, homebound or out in the wilds of creation. In this moment we are in God's presence. We gather in spiritual unity as one church, members of Horseheads Presbyterian Church, friends of Jesus Christ, with all the saints of the church in heaven and on earth as we share in the Lord's Supper. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. May the same be true for us today.

Communion of the People

Sharing the Bread

Leader: This is the body of Christ, the bread of life—given for you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sharing the Cup

Leader: This is the blood of Christ, the cup of salvation—shed for you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Thanksgiving after Communion and The Lord's Prayer

God of heaven and earth, you call us to come in humility before you, bringing the offering of our very selves. As you revealed Jesus to be your Son in his baptism at the hand of John, so you claimed our lives in baptism, that we might die to sin and be raised with him to new life. By your Spirit, confirm in our hearts the witness that Christ is Savior of the world and our Lord. Accept all we have and are, O God, strengthen us with your Spirit's power, for the service of Jesus Christ, as we pray the words he taught us ... *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.*

Benediction

Now, May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Today and Every Day. Amen.