

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Instrumental Hymn: "As With Gladness Men of Old" vss. 1 & 3

As with glad-ness men of old, did the guid-ing star be-hold;
As with joy they hail-ed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
So, most grac-ious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.

As they of-fered gifts most rare at the man-ger, rude and bare,
So may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.

Call to Worship:

As the Spirit moved across the waters at the moment of creation,
and again in the Jordan when Jesus was baptized, so may the Spirit
move among us now, re-creating us for ministry and praise. Amen!

Prayer of Invocation:

Creative, Redeeming God, join us as we worship you. Inspirit us for
faithful living; equip us for ministry; then send us into the world to pro-
claim your love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the
deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then
God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that
the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.
God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there
was evening and there was morning, the first day.

New Testament Reading:

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.:" Then he said to them, "Into what were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came over them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel Reading:

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased."

Here ends this reading of the Gospel.

Instrumental Hymn: "Take My Life, and Let It Be" vs. 1 & 5

Take my life and let it be, con-se-crated Lord to thee,
Take my mo-ments and my days— let them flow in cease-less praise,
Let them flow in cease-less praise.

Take my love— my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea-sure store;
Take my-self— and I will be, ev-er, on-ly, all for thee,
Ev-er, on-ly, all for thee.

Prayers of the People and 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, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen!

Sermon: "Created and Commissioned by Inspired Waters"

Instrumental Hymn: "I Wonder As I Wander" vs 1, 2, & 3

I won-der as I wan-der, out un-der the sky,
How Je-sus the Sav-ior did come for to die
For poor, ord' – nary peo-ple like you and like I,
I won-der as I wan-der, out un-der the sky.

When Mar-y birthed Je-sus, 'twas in a cow's stall,
With wise-men and an-gels, and shep-herds and all,
But high from God's heav-en a star's light did fall,
The pro-mise of a-ges, it did then re-call.

If Je-sus had want-ed for an-y wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's an-gels in heav'n for to sing,
He sure-ly could have it, 'cause he was the King.

Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

We give you thanks, O God, for all gifts great and small, and for your call to ministry in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grateful for all blessings, we bring our lives and our gifts to you. Grant your blessing on all we give—that we may share the good news of Jesus Christ with people everywhere. Amen!

Benediction

Postludes

Please take your bulletin home with you this morning.