

WORSHIP NOTES

In the liturgical calendar, Baptism of the Lord Sunday is the Sunday in which we celebrate Jesus’ baptism and the beginning of his public ministry. Along with remembering this event in Jesus’ life, today we will be reaffirming our own baptismal vows. Although we welcome and practice all forms of baptism in our tradition, many of us who were baptized as infants do not remember our baptisms. This morning’s liturgy gives us the opportunity to remember and reflect upon God’s continual grace in our lives. In our tradition, we do not “rebaptize” members when they come for membership. We believe that the Holy Spirit’s presence in baptism is unique and God’s promises are eternal; therefore, we reaffirm what has been promised when members join the church. Today children and adults can come forward to be marked with the sign of the cross by water. Together, we will be reminded of God’s grace in our lives and our unity as the family of the Church.

The processional hymn, *Out of Deep, Unordered Water*, is a baptismal hymn composed by great contemporary hymn writer, Fred Kaan, who is the author of ten hymns in our *Presbyterian Hymnal*. It was first sung in Pilgrim Church, Plymouth England, in 1965. The melody was written by C. Hubert Perry, the notable English church musician and composer, and published in 1897

The middle hymn, *Arise Your Light Is Come*, was written in 1974 by Ruth C. Duck, author of a great many modern hymn texts. Duck says she wrote it while working on an adaptation of *Rise Up, O Men Of God*, a 19th-century hymn with which it shares the joyful tune *Festal Song*.

Johannes Eccard was born in 1553 at Mühlhausen, in present-day Thuringia, Germany. At the age of eighteen he went to Munich, where he became the pupil of Orlando Lasso. In 1608 he was called by Joachim Frederick, Elector of Brandenburg as principal conductor in Berlin, but this post he held for only three years, owing to his death at Königsberg in 1611. Eccard’s works consist exclusively of vocal compositions, such as songs, sacred cantatas and chorales for four or five, and sometimes for seven, eight, or even nine voices. Before the First World War, his setting of Martin Luther’s words “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” (“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”) was regarded by the Germans as their representative national hymn.

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (born Hamburg, Germany, Feb. 3, 1809; died Leipzig, Nov. 4, 1847) was a German composer, pianist, organist and conductor of the early Romantic period. A grandson of the philosopher Moses Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn was born into a prominent Jewish family. He was later baptised as a Lutheran Christian. After a long period of relative denigration due to changing musical tastes and anti-Semitism in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, his creative originality has now been recognised. *O Come Everyone that Thirsteth*, is from his celebrated oratorio *Elijah* which was composed in 1846 for the Birmingham Festival.

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Isabel Cunningham.

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NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be the Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton.

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Leaders: John P. Muller IV and Sandy L. Muller; March W. Chadwick, Ann M. Darmstaetter, David B. Li, Margaret D. Stocker, Gracey Stoddard.

ORDER OF ST. PAUL

Michael J. Appleby, Nathan P. Appleby, Leah C. Lee, Deborah M. Li, Caroline C. Pickering, Alexander N. Rahman, Christopher L. Allen, *Beadle*.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano: R. Lynne Lee, Isabella Livorni, Tonna L. Miller-Vallés, Artemisz Polonyi, Elizabeth Smith, Catherine Thorpe. *Alto:* Agueda Fernández-Abad, Allison Gish, Jessica Kimple, Melissa Raymond. *Tenor:* Richard Liebowitz, Jeremy Little, Jeffrey Taveras. *Bass:* William S. Crutchfield III, Edward Hanlon, Daniel Hoy, Ryan Stoudt, Nathaniel Sullivan.

SESSION

Sallie J. Abelow, Patrick A. F. Blott, Susan P. Crary, Paul J. Elmlinger, R. Scott Froehlich, Scripture Z. Gonzalez, Mark A. Greenwood, Shannon D. Henderson, William S. Hilburn, Harold P. Hope III, Anne R. Huneke, R. Lynne Lee, Sue-Peng Li, Robert D. McCrie, Helen B. Pennoyer, Elizabeth M. Philipp, Clare C. Pickering, Brian J. Pitz, Susan A. Powell, Debra N. Seraphim, Richard H. Stowe, Katherine C. Vosters, Ryan E. Widener, Henry M. Wildermuth (*Youth Elder*), Suzanne W. Wilson, Frances G. Laserson, *Clerk of Session*.

DEACONS

Linda R. Arnold, Bret M. Barasch, Beth A. Bell, Arthur W. Bingham, Nancy T. Blair, Elizabeth A. Boehmler, Paige M. Cali, Christopher A. Carroll, Blythe G. Chace (*Youth Deacon*), Carl C. Cordova III, E. Graham Clark, David M. Darst, Helen T. W. Elmiger, Marc T. Engberg, Joseph A. Galloway, William J. Gambrell, Jeffrey B. Gower, Christopher W. Hamilton, Kate S. Hrobsky, Cathy Leonhardt, Jane B. Lowry, Katrina K. Masterson, Amelia McDonald, M. Paige Rustum, Grace Sarno, Andrew R. Skobe, John D. Tuttle, Tanya S. Wells.

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

WELCOME The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one’s mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one’s friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

VISITORS, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship.

IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP that follows, an asterisk invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)
“Dominica I post Epiphaniam” (L’Orgue mystique)
Meg Cutting, *organist*

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTES FOR MISSION

Kaitlin P. Gambrell
“Women’s Association 75th FairDinner Dance”

G. Warner Williams and Kent McKamy
“Prison Ministry Volunteers”

CHORAL INTROIT

“Song of Simeon”
American folk melody

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled. These eyes have seen salvation’s dawn, this child so long foretold.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the beginning of God’s creation,
People: the Spirit of the Lord swept over the watery chaos and spoke:
Child: “Let there be light!”
Leader: At the beginning of Jesus’ ministry,
People: the Spirit of the Lord broke through the wilderness and spoke:
Child: “This is the Light!”
Leader: At the beginning of our worship,
People: the Spirit of the Lord moves among the people and speaks:
Child: “Follow the Light!”
Leader: The living Christ is with us.
People: Together, let us walk in the Light of Christ.
Child: Praise the Lord!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 494

Rustington
“Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You give breath and spirit to all creation, and You claim us as Your children through baptism. Yet we often ignore Your call upon our lives. Regardless of Your guidance, we turn away from Your light. You are at work in this world, but other powers distract us as they seek to define us. When You show up, we don’t see it. Give us faith to open our hearts to newness. Pour out Your spirit upon us and wash us clean. Light the way and surprise us. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

KYRIE 574

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 68, verse 4) Puer Nobis Nascitur

**To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in one,
May every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

HYMN 498

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”
(Verse 1)
Please remain seated.

The children being baptized today are:

George Walker Brown
son of Sara Elizabeth Brown and Walker Fordham Brown

Frederick Leo Kinderman
son of Jennifer Kay Kinderman and Robert Henry Kinderman III

George Patrick Waldron Maund
son of Heidi Suzanne Roblin Maund and James Sylvester Maund

*Elders Sallie J. Abelow, Thomas M. Li, Helen B. Pennoyer, and Suzanne W.
Wilson will assist with today’s baptisms.*

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

HYMN 498

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”
(Verses 2-4)
Please remain seated.

THE WORD

Children will be dismissed for Sunday Church School classes after the baptisms.

HYMN 411

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”
Festal Song

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:22-40 (*Pew Bible, page 59 N.T.*)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Rebekah McLeod Hutto
“Eyes Wide Open”

THE RESPONSE

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE (insert)

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)
“O Come, Everyone that Thirsteth”
O come everyone that thirsteth, come to the waters, come unto Him. O hear, and your souls shall live forever. – *Isaiah 55:1,3*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)
“Maria das Jungfräulein”
Maria das Jungfräulein Ihr liebes Jesulein in Tempel, wie gewöhnlich war, dem Herren stellet dar, das Opfer wie man pflegt willig erlegt, damit sei das Gesetz ja nicht verletzt. Hilf nun, du liebster Jesu Christ, daß wir zu jeder Frist an Dir, wie auch der Simeon, all unser Freude han, und endlich sein bereit, wenn kommt die Zeit, fein sanft zu schlafen ein, und bei Dir sein.
When the Virgin Mary brought her beloved little Jesus to the temple, to be presented to God as was expected, she made a sacrifice, as was usual, so that she would not break the law. Help now thy servants, Jesus, that we, like Simeon may always rejoice only in Thee, and, when it is finally time, be prepared gently to fall asleep and be with Thee.

* DOXOLOGY 592

Old Hundredth
**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.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 523

Bethany
“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

American folk melody
“Song of Simeon”
This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles’ promised light, God’s glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.

POSTLUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
“Toccatà in F major, BWV 157”
Meg Cutting, *organist*

*If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the
Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our
Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.*