

# Sunday Service for January 14, 2018

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Shall We Gather at the River” -arr. R. Hobby

THE PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #599 “Day by Day” (*Sung by all*)

**Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray;**

**to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,**

**follow thee more nearly, day by day. (*repeat once*)**

**day by day, by day, by day, by day.**

• CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: As John the Baptizer left the desert and entered the refreshing waters of the Jordan,

**All: May we also leave the dry, dusty places of our lives for the refreshing worship of God!**

One: And as Jesus came up out of the waters to behold a heavenly vision, receive a Spiritual blessing, and hear a divine voice,

**All: So may we emerge from worship with a deeper sense of God’s Spirit and voice in our life.**

• GATHERING HYMN #56 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

• OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

**God who watches over us, offering light and hope, be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus’ baptism. Help us remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us. May the image of water become an image of hope. May this time of worship bring us closer to you. May this new year be another opportunity to experience your embracing love. We are here O God, and we open our hearts to you.**

• SILENT PRAYER

• THE GLORIA PATRI #35 (*Sung by all*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,**

**And to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning,**

**Is now, and ever shall be**

**World without end. Amen. Amen.**

• GREETING OUR FRIENDS IN CHRIST Uganda -Emirembe

• PRAISE RESPONSE #114 “Thou Art Worthy” (*Sung by all*)  
**Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord,  
to receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power;  
for thou has created, hast all things created,  
thou hast created all things;  
and for thy pleasure they are created, for thou art worthy, O lord.**

#### CHILDREN’S TIME

RESPONSE (*Sung by all*)

(*Children ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us downstairs in Kurth Hall for Sunday School.*)

**Tell me the stories of Jesus, I love to hear;  
Things I would ask him to tell me, if he were here:  
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me**  
(*Usher will collect prayer cards at this time*)

#### SCRIPTURE

First Reading:	<b>Genesis 1:1-5</b>	(page 1)
	Psalm 29	(page 504)
Second Reading:	<b>Mark 1:4-11</b>	(page 34)
	Acts 19: 1-7	(page 139)

#### SERMON

CHORAL ANTHEM “El Bautismo” -A. Caceres  
(*Gene Detert, soloist; Donna Kordash, percussion*)

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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.**

#### OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Peace Like a River” -arr. R. Powell

• OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” (*Sung by all*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

• PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*In unison*)

**We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured into us.**

**Let the gifts of our labors and our lives be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of Jesus’ holy name. Amen.**

• SENDING HYMN #352 “Spirit Song”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” -arr. K. Kosche

**Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve**

*Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. If you would like to remain in the sanctuary to listen to this music written and played to glorify God, please do so quietly.*

*Otherwise, you may join others in the narthex for refreshments and fellowship.*