

Sunday Service for April 8, 2018

A SILENT TIME OF PREPARATION

PRELUDE “Come, You Faithful” -arr. R. Hughes

PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT (*Sung by all*)

**Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come, all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come, all you people, come and praise your Maker,
come now and worship the Lord. (*Sing twice*)**

• CALL TO WORSHIP

• GATHERING HYMN #218 “Thine Is the Glory”

• PRAYER AT GATHERING (*In unison*)

God of new life, move through the locked doors of our hearts. Open us to your love moving in the world. Instruct us as you taught the disciples. Lead us to be people bearing your peace. Make a new church of us, a blessed place where we live in courage and unity.

• 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

• CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Open Our Eyes” (*See insert*)

YOUTH CHOIR “The Lord of Life Is Risen!” -J. Carter

CHILDREN’S TIME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM –Aidan Wayne Bailey

Introduction

Question and Congregational Response

One: Into what faith are we baptizing this child?

All: Hymnal #361 or See the Video Screen

Congregational Response

We receive Aidan as a new person in Christ. We offer our understanding and support as he explores life. We enfold him in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. We join with the parents and sponsors in telling the gospel in our midst so Aidan may live with Christ, showing forth God’s love for all people. Amen.

Water Ritual/Blessing

Baptism Gifts

Benediction

INTERLUDE “Walk With Me” (*Sung by all*)

(*Children ages 3-6th grade are invited to join us downstairs for Sunday School.*)

**Walk with me; I will walk with you,
And build the land that God has planned,
Where love shines through.**

(*Ushers will collect prayer cards at this time.*)

SCRIPTURE

Hebrew Scripture: **Psalm 133** (page 575)

Acts 4: 32-35 (page 122)

New Testament: **John 20: 19-31** (page 115)

I John 1:1-2:2 (page 238)

SERMON

• HYMN “Great Is the Lord” (*See insert*)

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 “Awake, My Heart with Gladness” -arr. W. Held

• 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.

• DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*In unison*)

O God, we thank you that Christ has entrusted us with the responsibility of caring for your people. Make us faithful and courageous in our ministry of love and may we use these gifts to your glory. Amen.

• SENDING HYMN #222 “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

• COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

• MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE “Welcome, Happy Morning” -arr. G. Young

Enter to Worship – Depart to Serve

Our time of worship concludes at the end of the Postlude. You are invited to remain quietly in the sanctuary and listen to this music written and played to glorify God.

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

Today we celebrate the Baptism of **Aidan Wayne Bailey**, Son of Casey and Danielle Bailey. Aidan’s baptism sponsors are Liz and Keith Nixon. We rejoice as we welcome Aidan into the community of Christ’s people.