



Sunday, January 10, 2021
~ The Baptism of the Lord ~
Virtual Service

Worship Team: Rev. Dr. Pirie Mitchell, Dan Leaver, Karen Pincombe,
Sophie Beck, Oliver & Andrew Prentice

Music Team: Karen Schuessler, Sheila Carson

VU = red hymnal Voices United
Please sing along at home; we have provided the lyrics!

Prelude: Second Variation on "In Dulci Jubilo" (arr. Denis Bédard)	Karen Schuessler
Welcome and Life and Work of the Church	Rev. Pirie
Lighting of the Christ Candle	Dan Leaver
Indigenous Land Acknowledgement	Rev. Pirie
Call to Worship	Dan Leaver

Today we remember the baptism of Jesus performed by his cousin John the Baptist. It was a significant time for the man from Nazareth, as we see his human side when submitting to John's ministrations. John recognized who Jesus was and felt that **he** was unworthy to conduct this religious rite to the Son of God. And yet Jesus submitted to John's baptism in the same manner he submitted to the cross at Easter, without question. Let's join together this day and celebrate Jesus' baptism with thanks for our baptism and initiation as one of his faithful followers.

Prayer of Approach (in unison) Rev. Pirie

O God, today is a celebration for us in our church. We celebrate Jesus baptism and the official beginning of his ministry to the Children of Israel, and to us at Wesley Knox. We are now part of your great family.

In celebrating Jesus' baptism, we remember our baptism and we thank you for welcoming us into your family of faith. For Jesus this was the starting point for his mission to the people of Galilee, Samaria and Judea. For us it is

a reminder that each new day is a new beginning of our discipleship in his name.

Come let's celebrate this new beginning. Be with us, God, as we journey with Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.

Hymn: When Heaven's Bright with Mystery

VU 93 verses 1 & 4

1. When heaven's bright with mystery
and science searches nature's art,
when all creation yearns for peace
and hope sinks deep in human hearts,
appear to us, O Holy Light;
lift from our eyes the shades of night.
4. When heaven's bright with mystery
and stars still lead an unknown way,
when love still lights a gentle path
where courts of power can hold no sway,
there with the Magi, let us kneel,
our gifts to share, God's world to heal.

Learning with Children

Dan Leaver

Lord's Prayer (in unison) (VU page 921)

Karen Pincombe & Sophie Beck

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Scripture: Scripture Reading: Mark 1: 4-11
Secular Reading: Baptism
Scripture Reading: Genesis 1: 1-5

Oliver Prentice
Andrew Prentice
Oliver Prentice

Special Music: Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel? (arr. Roger Emerson)

Boys' Choir YouTube Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FypxNlb2p6c>

Message: What a Way to Begin!

Rev. Pirie

Hymn: When Jesus Comes to be Baptized

VU 100 verses 1, 2, & 4

1. When Jesus comes to be baptized,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of humankind.
2. The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner, comfort bring.
4. O Spirit help us be like Christ:
to live in love and charity,
to walk in truth and justice now,
and grow in Christian dignity.

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Pirie

Prayers of the People

Rev. Pirie

Hymn: Arise, Your Light is Come

VU 79 verses 1, 3, & 4

1. Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.
3. Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the broken hearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.
4. Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing;
God's power will make us strong.

Commissioning & Benediction

Rev. Pirie

Congregational Response (in unison)

VU 298

**When you walk from here,
when you walk from here,
walk with justice, walk with mercy,
and with God's humble care.**

Postlude: Fourth Variation on "In Dulci Jubilo" (arr. Denis Bédard)

Karen Schuessler

WK Coffee Time

Stay tuned to see who Glen or Jane is speaking with this week!

Your continued financial support is most gratefully appreciated.

<https://wesleyknox.com/givings/>