



*Sunday, January 12, 2025*

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***Virtual Worship***

# **SUNDAY VIRTUAL WORSHIP**

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## **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

### **GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**                    *“Love Came Down at Christmas”*            arr. Allanson Brown

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

“I am with you,” says the Lord.

**Do not fear.**

I have called you by name.

**Do not fear.**

You are mine.

**Do not be afraid.**

Let us worship the Lord.

**HYMN 361**                    *“How Firm a Foundation”*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In unison)

**Lord, we are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Hear our confessions in the silence . . .**

*(Time for silent confession)*

**SINGING 572**                    *“Lord, Have Mercy upon Us”*

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

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Beloved, God forgives our sins; know that we are pardoned and let us be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### **SERMON**

The Rev. Steven Clark

**AFFIRMATION of FAITH** (In unison, Philippians 2:5-1)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

**INVITATION to OFFERING**

(Those joining us online may use our online giving platform at [hocpc.org/give](http://hocpc.org/give))

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN 326** *“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”*

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 40** *“O Day of Peace”*

**CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Gloria”*

Lani Smith



## Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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## Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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- Luke 3:22 -

