

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany 2, Sunday, January 09th, 2022 – 10:30 am

Baptism of Jesus

*You are invited to say or sing the bold print

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Baptism is both a sign, symbol, and a seal.

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Choral Prelude” by Telemann

SANDRA RUTTAN

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Today, as we gather in person and from outside the sanctuary as Collier Street United Church, we acknowledge that long before those of us who are settlers, and those of us who are descendants of settlers, came to this land, there were people here. We know these First Nations peoples were Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Ojibway/Chippewa & Anishinabek, who made Treaties 16 & 18 possible.

Hewitt Holmes



Today, as a community of faith, we seek to be good stewards and give thanks for this land and our commitment to live in right relations with all peoples.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE OF WELCOME

Response: VU# 87 I am the Light of the World v.1

WELCOME & NEWS

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured.**

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WE PRAISE AND PRAY

Baptism is a symbol of our communion with God through Jesus Christ.

^WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:

Come to the Jordan River.

**As this Pandemic continues,
we come to be reminded of the baptism of Jesus;
we come to be reassured that through our baptism, we belong to God.**

Come to the Jordan to be changed by the Holy Spirit. (Responsive Prayers by David Sparks, Year C - Edited)

*HYMN VU #100 “When Jesus Comes to be Baptized” v. 1,2,5

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^PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

SILENCE

THE PRAYER OF JESUS: “Creator God in Heaven...” *(Words by James Seddon)*

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^WORDS OF CHANGE:

Baptism changes us. We are ready to enact change!

**We are ready to forgive freely, to give generously, to listen carefully, to meet the needs of others, and to respond faithfully;
to be co-creators of love and justice!**

*HYMN: MV#33 “Jesus Came Bringing Us **CHANGE**”

SANDRA RUTTAN/ CHOIR

WE GROW IN THE FAITH

Baptism seals our union by faith with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: Matthew 3:13-17 & 4:12-17 (Inclusive Bible) *Robert Murdock*

Let us listen to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John

¹⁴ John tried to dissuade Jesus, saying, "I should be baptized by you, and yet you come to me!"

¹⁵ But Jesus replied, "Leave it this way for now. We must do this to completely fulfill God's justice." So John reluctantly agreed.

¹⁶ Immediately after Jesus had been baptized and was coming up out of the water, the sky suddenly opened up and Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and hovering over him.

¹⁷ With that, a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Own, my Beloved, on whom my favor rests."

Matthew 4:12-17

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he went back to Galilee.

¹³ He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town near the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali.

¹⁴ In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, the way to the sea on the far side of the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

¹⁶ the people who lived in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time on, Jesus began proclaiming the message, "Change your hearts and minds, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

*This is the Word of God, for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.***

SERMON: "*The Season of Epiphany: The Secret of a Great New Year...*" *Hewitt Holmes*

WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM AND AFFIRM:

(We are asking persons to have a glass of water – we will drink or pour before the affirmation)



I believe in the God of Jesus of Nazareth, who blesses the meek, the poor and the persecuted, exalts the least and saves the lost.

I believe in the Holy One whose dearest Child, Jesus the Christ, pleased God far more than tongue or pen can ever tell.

I believe in the baptised Christ, and the community of love and hope which grew around his word and witness.

I believe that he is the first citizen of a new race, where the entry fee is Divine grace, and the ground rules are shaped by love.

I believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by whom old things find new birth, and new things grow on to maturity, and the dead receive regeneration.

I believe in, one faith, one baptism, and in the limitless life which flows for the healing of the nations.

PIANO ANTHEM: "Down to the River to Pray" arr. Mark Hayes

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ENCIRCLING PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

Baptism through water, whether sprinkling, pouring or immersion, changes us and the world forever.

***HYMN:** MV# 190 "Laughter Lit the Stars of Morning" v.1,2,3b

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^BENEDICTION

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CLOSING SONG: "Go Now in Peace"

VIRTUAL CHOIR

PIANO POSTLUDE: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" arr. Lloyd Larson

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*We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,
For the darkness shall turn to dawning and the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kin-dom shall come on earth, the kin-dom of love and light.*

(We remain grateful for the offerings given today and electronically)