

Baptism of the Lord
11:00 a.m. January 7, 2018

Entering God's Presence

Welcome and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 461 **God Is Here!** ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Expressing Our Joy Reece H. Smith

Leader: Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: Who are we?

People: We are children of God, the family of faith.

Leader: What does it mean to be children of God?

People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

Forgive us, God, for thinking we have it all figured out. We pretend we know who is "in" and who is "out" of your family, as if your care was not intended for all of us. We have wandered far from your covenant, overlooked your miracles, and refused to walk in your ways. Help us to choose to keep your commandments because we see their value in helping us grow in love of you, our neighbors, and even ourselves.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

A Moment with the Children

(Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may leave the sanctuary for a period of supervised activity.)

*Hymn 521 **You Satisfy the Hungry Heart** FINEST WHEAT

I Samuel 8:4-8 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 239 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem **Room At the Table** David Lantz III

Romans 12:3-8 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 151 in the pew Bible.]

Meditation **Leadership of Caring** The Rev. Vance E. Polley

The Ordination and/or Installation of Elders

Cathy Blackwelder, Ross Heaton, Jacob Long, Chris Luthy, Cal McRae, and John Merryman

*The Apostles' Creed (page 14, *Traditional*) and **Gloria Patri**

The Bringing of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

(During the offertory please sign the fellowship pad as it is passed and return it to the center aisle in order that members may know visitors and greet them following the worship service.)

*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 592) OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, *Sanctus*, *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 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.

The Lord's Supper

(All who are baptized are invited to share in *The Lord's Supper*. Please hold the bread and the cup until all are served. The wafers in the baskets are gluten-free.)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 525 **Here I Am, Lord** Daniel L. Schutte

*Benediction and Choral Benediction **Amen**

*Go Out into the World

*All those who are able, please stand.