



The
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of the good news of
Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
Mark 1:1, NRSV

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Sunday, January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord

Prelude Nimrod *Edward Elgar*

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn "Lord, When You Came to Jordan" *Genevan*

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Reading from the Scripture Genesis 1: 1-5 *NRSV*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Musical Selection Blessings *Laura Storey*

We pray for blessings, we pray for peace, Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity, We pray for Your mighty hand To ease our suffering
And all the while, You hear each spoken need, Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things
'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops? What if Your healing comes through tears?
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near? And what if trials of this life

are Your mercies in disguise? We pray for wisdom, Your voice to hear, And we cry in anger when we cannot feel You near, We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love, As if every promise from Your Word is not enough, And all the while, You hear each desperate plea, And long that we'd have faith to believe, When friends betray us, And when darkness seems to win, we know, The pain reminds this heart that, This is not, this is not our home, It's not our home, What if my greatest disappointments Or the aching of this life, Is the revealing of a greater thirst, This world can't satisfy? And what if trials of this life, The rain, the storms, the hardest nights, Are Your mercies in disguise?
Catherine Carter, soprano

Reading from the Scripture

Mark 1: 1-11

NRSV

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As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Children’s Message

Sermon

“Identifying Moments”

Rev. Dr. Carol Ann Fleming

Musical Selection

I’ll Walk with God

I’ll walk with god, From this day on, His helping hand I’ll lean upon.
This is my prayer my humble plea, May the lord be ever with me.
There is no death though eyes grow dim, There is no fear when I’m near to him.
I’ll lean on him forever, And he’ll forsake me never.
He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong, What ever road I may walk alone.
I’ll walk with god, I’ll take his hand, I’ll talk with god he’ll understand, I’ll pray to him, Each day to him.
And he’ll hear the words that I say, His hand will guide my throne and rod.
And I’ll never walk alone, While I walk with god.
Catherine Carter, soprano

Ritual of Baptismal Renewal

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Pastoral Prayer and Prayers of the People

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Imperial March

Elgar