

Worship for Sunday, January 10, 2021

Led by Reverend Jeff Knol

Music by Katie Connolly and the GRC Praise Team

We will remotely celebrate the Lord's Supper during this service

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Words of Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: *Inspired by Isaiah 43:1-7*

We have been claimed by the God who calls us children.

We, the redeemed, have been called by name.

As with the Israelites, God promises to pass with us through the water.

We will not fear, for God is with us!

The rivers shall not overwhelm us, for God is our guide and our protector.

Through God's saving grace, the waters that tested us are now the waters that wash us, cleanse us, and nourish us.

Great is the Fount of Every Blessing, ever flowing, ever redeeming, ever claiming us as God's children.

Come, let us worship the God who washes us in grace.

Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*



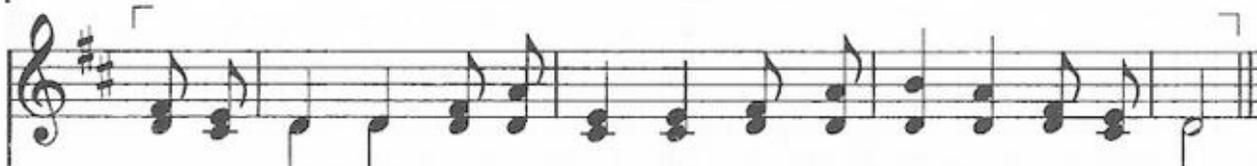
1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Hith - er - to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.
 And I know Thy hand will bring me Safe - ly home by Thy good grace.
 Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - dering heart to Thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;



Praise His name—I'm fixed up - on it— Name of God's re - deem - ing love.
 He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, Bought me with His precious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, at the waters of his baptism you proclaimed Jesus your beloved Son. By his life, you have called us to repentance. We confess this day that we and our world have been slow to respond. We are mired in our sin. We are stuck in our old patterns. Our world is comfortable in its destructive ways. Continue, we pray, to forgive us and to transform our world. By your grace, may we say yes to your call to repentance. By your love, may we be led to the life of abundance and joy... *Time of silent reflection*

Words of Assurance

People of God, hear this assurance from the Apostle Paul who writes, “How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” People of God, receive the good news. Our old lives of sin have been buried with Christ Jesus in his death. In his rising we are assured of our forgiveness and our sharing in his new and glorious life.

Response: *Adoration (verse 1)*

1. Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness!

Bow down be - fore Him, His glo - ry pro - claim; With

gold of o - be - dience and in - cense of low - li - ness,

kneel and a - dore Him: the Lord is His name!

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture and Sermon: Mark 1:4-11

Hymn: *Baptized in Water*



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing the
 tomb with Christ, our King; One with His ris - ing, Freed and for -
 sign of Christ, our King; Born of the Spir - it, We are God's



prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, Thank-ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Announcements, Celebrations, and Prayer Requests

Our Offerings to God

Blawenburg Reformed Church at PO Box 266 Blawenburg, NJ 08504
Griggstown Reformed Church at 1065 Canal Rd. Princeton, NJ 08540

Offertory Anthem

Bread and Fishes

Linnea Eberly, guitar
Katie Connolly, voice & recorder

As I went a walking one morning in spring,
I met with some travelers in an old country lane.
One was an old man, the second a maid,
And the third was a young boy who smiled as he said..

*We've the wind in the willows and the birds in the sky;
We've a bright sun to warm us wherever we lie;
We have bread and fishes and a jug of red wine
To share on our journey with all of mankind.*

I sat down beside them, the flowers all around,
And we ate on a mantle spread out on the ground.
They told me of prophets and princes and kings,
And they spoke of the one god who knows everything,

Like the wind in the willows...

I asked them to tell me their name and their race
So I might remember their kindness and grace.
"My name is Joseph, this is Mary my wife,
And this is our young son, our pride and delight."
We travel the whole world, by land and by sea
To tell all the people how they might be free...

Like the wind in the willows...

Sadly, I left them, in an old country lane,
For I knew that I never would see them again.
One was an old man, the second a maid,
And the third was a young boy who smiled as he said:

*We've the wind in the willows and the birds in the sky;
We've a bright sun to warm us wherever we lie;
We have bread and fishes and a jug of red wine
To share on our journey with all of mankind.*

--Words & music by Alan Bell

Seasonal Song of Praise: *In the Bleak Midwinter (verse 4)*

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

yet what can I give him— give my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

God of revelation, as the glory of your Son is made known to us in this season of Epiphany, as our hearts are filled with his grace, and as our souls are stilled by his peace, we pray that you would busy our hands, our feet, and our voices, with the work of his kingdom. We present our lives and our offerings to you this day. By your inspiration and blessing, make us faithful in all that we say and do, to the blessing of you and your world. Amen.

Communion Liturgy

Pastor Jeff will lead the liturgy. Please join by saying the bolded sections.

Meaning of the Sacrament

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy Supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope... *the liturgy continues...* Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit that unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is...*the liturgy continues...*

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper... *the liturgy continues*... Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, we pray, that the bread which we break and the cup which we bless, may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ... *the liturgy continues*... Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Communion

The Words of Institution

Please partake of your bread after Pastor Jeff says,
“The bread which we break is our sharing in the body of Christ”

Please partake of your cup after Pastor Jeff says,
“The cup which we bless is our sharing in the blood of Christ”

Thanksgiving After Communion

Brothers and sisters, since the Lord has now fed us at his table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and do not forget all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him,

who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, and will also give us all things with him.

Therefore, shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.

Congregational Prayers 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

debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the

power, and the glory forever. Amen

Hymn: *As We Gather at Your Table*



1 As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Choral Benediction: *God Be With You* - GRC Praise Team

Closing Benediction

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Today's Music

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Text: Robert Robinson; adapted by Margaret Clarkson

Music: Traditional American melody; John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

Adoration

Text: John S. B. Monsell, stanza 1; David Steele, stanza 2

Music: Tom Fettke

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Baptized in Water

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