

Order of the Worship Service
January 12, 2025, 10:00am
John Welton, preaching

Prelude

Choral Prelude

WHAT STAR IS THIS WHICH BEAMS SO BRIGHT
Sanctuary Choir, Tom Kyser, director

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: We come as people filled with great expectation.

All: We come filled with hopes and dreams.

One: We come with serious questions.

All: We come with doubts that weigh us down.

One: We long for the heavens to open.

All: We need to hear the voice of God,

One: Whispering our names, and telling us again,

All: You are Beloved with whom I am well pleased.

*Opening Hymn 302

I DANCED IN THE MORNING

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you sent the Baptist to point to your Son. But too often, we abandon his message and point only to ourselves. We point to our worship preferences rather than the God we worship. We point to our status rather than the grace that makes us all equal. We point to our values rather than the One who has always valued everyone. Forgive us when we do not wait patiently for your direction. Through the power of your Spirit, give us the courage to speak what we have seen and point to the One who takes away the sins of the world.

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, the Lord who keeps promises says, "I have called you by name, you are mine."

Believe and live the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Moment for Children

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation 10

ON JORDON'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 356

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Blessing