



WORSHIP SERVICE JANUARY 10,2021 "AWE AND WONDER"

PLEASE PUT YOUR JOY'S & CONCERN'S IN THE CHAT BOX

WELCOME

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER - Liturgist Howard Gay

Holy and Awesome God, You who created everything in a spectacular show of light and matter. Open us this day to the wonder of your power so that we might know the everlasting strength of your reign on earth as it is in heaven. We praise you for your mighty works, holding our lives in the fabric of the cosmos. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH#152
(choir)

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "God is Holding Your Life"

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 29 - Liturgist

Bravo, God, bravo! Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!" In awe before the glory, in awe before God's visible power. Stand at attention! Dress your best to honor him! God thunders across the waters, Brilliant, his voice and his face, streaming brightness— God, across the flood waters God's thunder tympanic, God's thunder symphonic. God's thunder smashes cedars God topples the northern cedars. The mountain ranges skip like spring colts, The high ridges jump like wild kid goats. God's thunder spits fire. God thunders, the wilderness quakes; He makes the desert of Kadesh shake. God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches. We fall to our knees—we call out, "Glory!" Above the floodwaters is God's throne from which his power flows, from which he rules the world. God makes his people strong. God gives his people peace.

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Gracious God,

As we gather on this day and celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord, remind us again who we are and Whose we are! Restore in us the joy of our salvation. Hold us. Renew us. Grow us. As we revisit our own vows, guide us that we may renew our covenant with you and with one another. Strengthen us to be your CHURCH in a world that so desperately needs grace offered by you.

Be with us, Dear One. In Christ we pray. Amen

SERMON Prayer and Process: Remembering our Baptismal Vows

Rev. Effie McAvoy

1. On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

2. Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

3. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

4. Will you nurture these persons in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

5. According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

6. Will you who sponsor these candidates support and encourage them in their Christian life?

7. Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

8. Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

CLOSING HYMN

“People”

(you tube)

BENEDICTION