

Nine O'Clock  
First Sunday after Epiphany

January 10, 2021

Reader: Rose Snyder

**God is Still Speaking...** "Baptism is the door of the spiritual life and the gateway to the sacraments."

-Thomas Aquinas

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** – "Epiphany Road" B. Logan

**\*Solemn Declaration and Sung Amen**

**\*Call to Worship**

M: Like the gentle whisper of a little child speaking

**C: Go4248d's voice cradles us with words of comfort and hope**

M: With the persistent energy of youth experiencing newfound freedom

**C: God's living water cleanses with a waterfall of grace**

M: With the passing of wisdom and truth from one generation to the next

**C: God's voice reminds us we are forgiven and freed in this life and the next**

**\*Hymn** (hummed only, not sung) "This is A Day of New Beginnings" (See sheet in bulletin)

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we confess to know what it is like to be disappointed by the pursuits of success, power, and flattery. We carve our names in the granite walls of work, hoping we will be remembered when we are gone. We have gone through the waters of baptism, but live as if they have not changed us. We need to hear again that our failures do not cause you to quit loving us, for you continue to claim us, gathering us up in your compassionate arms. In our baptism, we discover not the end, but the first step of our journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Guide us back onto the path to renew that journey today...**

*Silent confession...*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

God's words of comfort and restoration are more powerful than the foolishness of our pursuits and the mistakes we may make. The good news is this: we are God's people

today, tomorrow and always! By water and word, and by the Spirit of God's redeeming grace, we are marked and sealed as God's beloved children.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Children' Sermon

**The Scriptures**

Old Testament

Psalm 51: 6-17

\*The Gospel

Luke 3: 1-22

**\* Gloria Patri** (spoken not sung)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without**

**End. Amen. Amen.**

**\*Proclaiming our Faith: The Apostle's Creed**

**Special Music** – "I Believe"-

Drake/Graham

Soloist – Deb Ansalvich

**Communion Homily**

Rev. David A. Jones

**\*Presentation of Our Offerings**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Order for Holy Communion (see insert)**

**\*Hymn** (hummed only) "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

(See sheet in bulletin)

**\*Benediction and Threefold Amen**

**\*Silent Meditation**

**Postlude** – "On Jordan's Bank"

Coffin/Chandler

**\*Please stand if you are able**

## ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

\*Eucharistic Prayer

May the God of glory be with you!

**And also with you!**

People of God, offer your hearts to God.

**We give them to the One who comes to redeem us.**

Sing songs of praise and joy, Children of God.

**We lift our voices to the One who journeys with us through the waters of baptism, and who feeds us at the Table of hope.**

With the water of baptism reminding us of your love for us, Voice of Heaven, we lift our praises to you. Before you breathed the Word which tamed chaos, you names us as your children, heirs of the goodness you desired for us. You sang to us in Eden's fields, inviting us to glorify you forever. Yet we walked into the shadows of the world, leaving the songs behind us. You persisted in your hopes for us, knowing that where no life is anticipated, no hope is expected, no future is seen, it is in those bare and desolate places that you gather your children up to carry us into your

kingdom. So with angel choirs in every region, with shepherds who caroled a homeless family, with those who came home singing from exile, we lift our voices in joy and hope

\*Seraphic Hymn (*hummed, not sung*)

\*Words of Institution

\*Prayer of Intercession

\*Our Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

\*Agnus Dei (*Hummed, not sung*)

Receiving the Elements

\*Eucharistic Blessing

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of new beginnings, you draw near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen and renew us. As Christ was made manifest in the streams of Jordan, so he is made manifest or us again in the bread and the wine, and for this we thank you. Use us to make him known to all people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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