

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 10, 2021

REFLECTION: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. – Psalm 29:4

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God, of the world wind and fire, sweeps into our presence in this hour.

People: **Glory be to God, who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.**

Leader: God, who called all worlds into being, calls forth new life in us today.

People: **Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.**

Leader: God, whose Holy Spirit unites all people in a common language of love, confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

People: **Glory be to God who created light in which we can walk in confident expectation.**

OPENING HYMN: Morning Has Broken

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OPENING PRAYER: Glory be to you, O God, whom we worship in awe and wonder. You are the author of all beginnings and all that is pronounced "good." In you both day and night have purpose, both calm and storm have meaning. Open the eyes of our imagination that we may be ready to receive your gifts and discern your activity in our midst. In the name of Jesus, in whose baptism we, too, are baptized. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Genesis 1:1-5

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.

Mark 1:4-11

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."

MESSAGE: Family Stories

Rev. Wissell

ANTHEM

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MISSION MOMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER: O God, from whom comes all the good things we enjoy, we offer our gifts in the spirit of those long ago who opened costly treasures before Jesus. We give in response to your generosity, identifying with your compassion for victims of violence, poverty, and depression. May all who are in need experience the unsearchable riches of Christ in the gift of the Holy Spirit, even as their physical needs are met. May we be coworkers with Christ, who sacrificed bought our redemption. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: O Spirit of the Living God (1,3-4)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CHURCH PRAYER LIST: John Ferris, Tuckerman Ferris, Brian Funchion, Bob Gabrielski, Kris Haboran, Barbara Henning, Kim Henning, Marge McClelland.

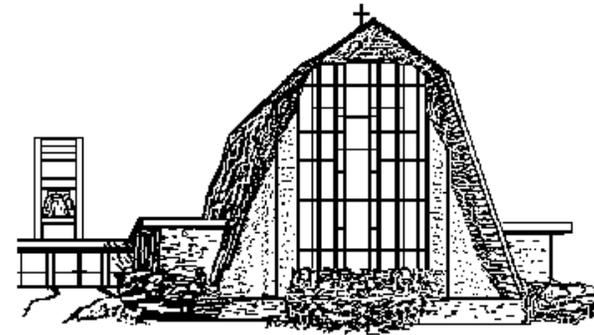
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Morning Has Broken

1. Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

O Spirit of the Living God

1. O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.
3. Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.
4. So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!