Gathering around the Word
Prelude
At the River
Introit
"When Jesus Came to Jordan"
*Doxology (sung)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Invocation
*Hymn 407 "Spirit of God, Attend Our Prayers
Prayer of Confession (unison)
Merciful God, in Baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in Baptism
so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends*, *believe the good news*. **People:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

"The Baptism of Jesus" Peter Hallock

Jesus went to the Jordan today. When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace. The Father's voice was heard in the place, "This is my Son with whom I am well pleased." There were three persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord. The Father said this blessed word, "This is my Son with whom I am well pleased." Now Jesus, as thou art both God and man and were baptized in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then, "This is my child with whom I am well pleased."

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter	
Psalm 29	. Old Testament, page 477
*Gloria Patri (sung)	The Hymnal, 581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to th as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shal world without end. Amen. Amen.	
Scripture Lesson	
Acts 10:34–43	New Testament, page 121
Minister: The Word of the Lord.	
People: Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

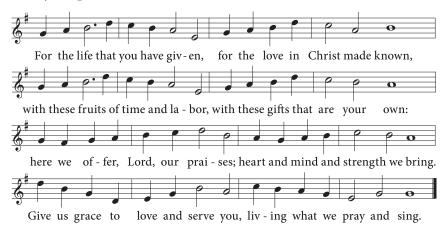
*Hymn 164
*Affirmation of Faith (unison) Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

"Beside the Still Waters".....Gwyneth Walker

*Offertory Response



Sealing the Word

	The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Invitation	
Great Than	ksgiving
Minister	: The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Minister	: Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister	: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
People:	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Prayer	
Minister	: It is truly right and our greatest joy
	forever singing to the glory of your name:
Sanctus (sur	<i>ng)</i>
•	ly, holy Lord, God of power and might, .nd earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
	is he who comes in the name of the Lord. a in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Minister	: Great is the mystery of faith:
Memorial A	cclamation (sung)
	as died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. as died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
The Lord's	Prayer (unison)
Thy king Give us t and forg and lead	her who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. gdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. his day our daily bread; ive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. e is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

"O Lamb of God" Healey Willan O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer after Communion (unison) Gracious God, we thank you for the love which brings us, as food from heaven, the life of your dear Son, and assures us that we belong to the company of all God's faithful people in heaven and on earth. Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may continue Christ's work in the world, until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 156 "Sing of God Made Manifest"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

I've Just Come from the Fountain African American spiritual arr. Richard Billingham

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Roberta Dawson, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Laura Perkett, oboist; Laura Kubelka, soloist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

TODAY WE REMEMBER THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, one of the texts traditionally read after Epiphany, when we continue to focus on the revelation of the divinity of Jesus. In doing so, we also recall our own baptism, in which God has claimed and named us as God's own. In grateful thanksgiving we together renew our commitment to live out our call as beloved children of God.

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