

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 10, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.  
The Baptism of the Lord

### GATHERING

PRELUDE *Arioso - G. F. Handel*  
WELCOME  
A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS  
CALL TO WORSHIP  
HYMN *Morning Has Broken No. 814*  
OPENING PRAYER  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
PEACE OF CHRIST

### WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC *When Heaven's Bright With Mystery - W. Petz,*  
adapted by W. T. Jones  
PSALM 29  
LUKE 3:15-17 & 21-22  
HYMN *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise No. 521*  
SERMON *You Are Very Good!*

### RESPONSE

HYMN *Of Eternal Love Begotten No. 163*  
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER  
OFFERINGS *Adagio - J. S. Bach*  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SENDING

HYMN *Joy To The World No. 153*  
BENEDICTION/SENDING  
POSTLUDE *Fantasia - J. Rheinberger*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God says: "Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine."

**All: "When you cross deep rivers, you will not drown. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned."**

One: "For I am your God, the Holy One, your Saviour. You are precious in my sight and I love you."

**All: "So do not fear, for I am with you. No matter where you are scattered, I will bring you home."**

One: "I created you for my glory. I made each one of you. You are mine." Thanks be to God!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Creator God, who hovered over the deep at the beginning, who spoke light into darkness, who split the heavens open and descended upon the Son of God in the waters of the Jordan, who created us in his image, who declared that each one of us is fearfully and wonderfully made; we have forgotten.

**All: We have forgotten who we are. Our identity as beloved children has been obscured by a multitude of wrongdoing and wrong-thinking. Too often we have exchanged your truth for the world's lies. Nevertheless, you have not forgotten us. Forgive us, we pray for our forgetfulness of who we are.**

One: Holy Father, let us not forget our own baptism and what it signifies. Cleanse us by the power of your Spirit, so that we may once again walk in the understanding of that truth.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus we are forgiven.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: John the Baptizer pointed the way to Christ. Let us acknowledge Christ in each other as we offer a sign of peace. The peace of the Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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,  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory;  
for ever and ever. AMEN**

BENEDICTION/SENDING

One: Go now in peace, to love and care for one another in the name of Christ. And may the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be poured out upon you like the water of your baptism and may you remain God's faithful servants and beloved children, now and evermore.

**All: We go now in the peace of Christ, remembering that we are God's beloved. Amen.**