

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY/THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Rev. Carolyn Keilig  
Online Worship  
January 9, 2022

**PRELUDE** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” – Jack Schrader Adam Peithmann

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Carolyn Keilig

**INTROIT** “I am the Light of the World” – Jim Strathdee

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

**People: When we pass through difficulties and stress,**

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name.

**People: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,**

Leader: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

**People: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.**

## OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

**HYMN # 100** “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### TIME OF SILENCE

### OUR 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. 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** “Hear Our Prayer” – George Whelpton

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of

the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

**PASTOR’S MESSAGE**

“Called by Name”

**HYMN # 95**

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

**CLOSING WORDS**

**BENEDICTION (Responsive)**

Leader: Baptized, we will go to share God's love with others.

**People: We will welcome those the world rejects as our sisters and brothers.**

Leader: Baptized, we will become the grace of our Lord Jesus.

**People: We will share the waters of life with everyone we meet.**

Leader: Baptized, we will become the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

**People: We will be a community of justice, not judgment; we will be a household of hope, not an exclusive club for just a few.**

**POSTLUDE**

“In Thee is Gladness” – J. S. Bach

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The Benediction is by Thom Shuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*

**Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.**

**Opening Hymn No. 100**

**“When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

1. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. Discordant humankind, in this your concord find, may Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound, may Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, all that see his face; may Jesus Christ be praised! God’s whole creation o’er both now and evermore: may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine; may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song, through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

**Prayer Response  
Hymn no. 306**

**“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”**

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

**Closing Hymn No. 95**

**“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”**

5. Let every creature rise with song; honor and praise to Christ belong angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!
1. Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run; his love shall spread from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To Christ shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where’er he reigns; all prisoners leap to lose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise with song; honor and praise to Christ belong angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!