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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Baptism of the Lord

PRELUDE | In the Bleak Mid-Winter

arr. Larry Shackley

*Allow the prelude to prepare your hearts and minds for worship; to be still and know that God is God.
We are claimed by Christ in the waters of baptism; the light of Christ shines in our lives and in the world.*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together apart to worship our God.

Send your Spirit upon us.

We are in many places, with many burdens.

Send your Spirit upon us.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Send your Spirit upon us. Name and claim us still.

HYMN 480 | Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
 4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
 ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
 jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, we give ourselves into the hand of your continuing creativity;
Our past, with its joys and triumphs, its failures and regrets,
Our present, with its struggles and accomplishments, its hopes and setbacks,
Our future, with its fears and freedom, its pain and possibility,
trusting the Spirit that breathes life,
trusting the love that will not let us go,
trusting the promise of the Word made flesh.

Pour your baptismal waters over us again. Wash away the perspectives and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you call us to be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING | Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

SONG | Rain Down

Capo 3: (D) (F#7) (Bm) (D7) (G)
F A7 Dm F7 B^b

Rain down; rain down; rain down your
(D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D) (F#7) (Bm)
F/A Gm7 C7 F A7 Dm
love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain
(D7) (G) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)
F7 B^b Gm C7 B^b F
down; rain down your love, God of life.

SERMON | Remembering Is What Makes Us Move

Rev. Dr. Brandon Lewis

HYMN 775 | I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

TIME OF PRAYER AND THE 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.

HYMN 295 | Go to the World!

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE | Variations on MENDELSSOHN

arr. Janet Linker

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